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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the parishioners of **Marychurch (Mary Mother of the Church)** with St Thomas More, are a people united in one heart and mind with Jesus Christ. Inspired by our patrons, Our Lady and St Thomas More, we proclaim our Roman Catholic Faith through our commitment to share that faith within our parish and beyond through worship, living by example, and service to others.*

MASS TIMES

Marychurch/STM

Sunday Mass:

6pm (Sat.), 9.30am (STM),
& 11am

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri.:
9.30am; Wed.: 7.30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30am & 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri.: 10am – 1030am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

St Peter's

Sunday Masses:

9am, 11am, 2PM, & 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Wed, Fri: 9.30 am
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Mass: 9.30 am & 7pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sat. 11.00 am – 12 noon

Morning Prayer:

Mon.-Wed., Fri.: 9.10am

+ 27TH SUNDAY – YEAR A

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.”
Is 5.7)

In June 2015 Pope Francis published his widely-acclaimed encyclical on ecology, *Laudato Si*. The book was inspired by the Pontiff's patron, St Francis, whom it describes as “the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically.” St Francis did not just love and admire nature; he also sought and forged harmony with it, seeing and treating it as sharing a common brotherhood with humanity. There were times he spoke to a killer-wolf and birds which amazingly appeared to heed his voice. The way he related to nature eloquently reminds all that we are stewards entrusted with the natural world, to care for it and to use it responsibly. Born to a wealthy merchant, he was named Giovanni at baptism, but made to bear the name Francesco by his France-mad father. He grew up a huge party-goer and lived a life of luxury, pleasure, debauchery, and unbridled ambition, attracting to himself “a retinue of young people addicted to evil and accustomed to vice.” He got gradually converted after encountering Our Lord in the gospel, in a damaged church building, on his way to the Holy Land on a crusade, and in a leper he met on the road. After his conversion, he renounced all his wealth and began to live a very austere life as a simple, bare-footed, sack-clad, poor mendicant who had nothing, yet possessed everything. He begged from door to door for sustenance good enough to be thrown away. But constantly full of joy and with a loving spirit, he was admired by so many people, believers and non-believers alike, and has won over tens of thousands of followers. His extraordinary life is marked in his feast day today.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is. 5.1-7**; 2nd Reading: **Phil. 4.6-9**; Gospel: **Mt 22.33-43**.

Psalm: **Ps 80(79).9,12-16,19-20: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.***

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 3rd Oct.	+ 27TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Sun., 4th Oct.		9.30am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Beverley Atkins, RIP, & Family
Mon., 5 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 6 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 7 th Oct.	Our Lady of the Rosary	7.30pm	
Thur., 8 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 9 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 10 th Oct.	+ 28TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 11th Sept.		9.30am	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 4th Oct.	+ 27TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Denis Bruton, Anniversary
		11.00am	Andrew Small, RIP
		2.00pm	Parishioners
		6.00pm	Francis Loh, Thanksgiving
Mon., 5 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Genny Parrott
Tue., 6 th Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Charles Adike, RIP
Wed., 7 th Oct.	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	
Thur., 8 th Oct.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 9 th Oct.	Feria	Mass at SPH @ 1.00pm	
Sat., 10 th Oct.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 11th Oct.	+ 28TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Cecilia Jaykody, 4 th Birthday
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Private Intention

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Sr Jo snd, Martina Knightly, Adele Pym, Chido Chandisarewa. Kathleen Rhine, Anne Owens, Alan Smith, Rob Catlings, Joyce Davies, Josie and Maurice Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Larry Carolan, Charles Andi, and Paul Donnelly.

NOTICES

Peter's Pence Collection is one of the three vital second collections the diocese is asking us to support this year. It will be taken **next Sunday the 11th**. Your generous support will be appreciated. Thanks.

First Holy Communion: Our children will have their First Holy Communion **today, October the 4th**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Booking of Mass: The Holy Mass is Our Lord's perfect prayer, our greatest and most efficacious prayer. In offering it we unite ourselves and our intentions with the Lord in praise, in thanksgiving, and in petition. If you wish to have a Holy Mass offered for any intention of yours, please contact the parish office or complete the **Mass Intention envelope** at the back of the church and give it to the priest. The diocese encourages a voluntary offering of £10 for each Mass intention.

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals can now take place in the church. Please contact the Parish Clergy if you wish to arrange any.

The Cardinal will celebrate **Mass for the deceased clergy of the diocese** on the 11th of November. Please join him in prayer.

Fr Livie will be away from the 12th of Oct. Fr Vincent Morokpakpo msp will provide cover from the 16th.

NBS: We are very excited to announce that our **'Virtual' Open Evening for Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School** will be taking place on Thursday 8th Oct. 2020. More

details can be found on our school website: www.nbs.herts.sch.uk.

Family Fast Day Online Mass this Fri. 9th October 6pm: You are invited to join CAFOD online this Friday 9th October in prayer for those affected by COVID 19 in developing countries and in thanksgiving for our supporters here in the UK. For further information see our web page <http://cafod.org.uk/fastday>.

Public Health: Our church is now open for public Mass. In that regard, please note the following:

- **Wearing of mask at Mass is now obligatory**. Please cooperate;
- Each time you attend Mass, please complete the attendance card on the table in the side porch as you enter the church, in keeping with the government's Test and Trace guideline;
- Please observe the Social Distancing rules, and the hygiene protocols;
- Please put your Offering in the basket at the exit point as you leave the church at the end of Mass;
- Volunteers are needed to help clean the church after each Mass.

The cremation service of Sylvia Bannister, the late mother of Gillian Sutton, will take place on Thur. the 8th. Please pray for her peaceful repose, and for the consolation of our sister and the rest of the family.

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:

MC/STM: Sat., 5-5.45pm; or on request;
SP: Sat., 11 am – 12 noon;
5-5.30 pm; or on request

Marriage: See Parish Priest;
6 months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Parish Office:

MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:
8.30am - 1.30pm

SP: Tue., Thur., Fri.: 9.30am-
2.30pm

Safeguarding Officers:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
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Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

Hall Booking: Enquiries to:
MC/STM: Parish Secretary

SP: Parish Secretary

Tea & Coffee: After 11am
Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Sacred Heart Novena:

MC: Friday after Mass;
SP: Friday after Mass;

Rosary: **MC:** Mon. after
Mass; **STM:** Mon., 9.00am
SP: Wed. after Mass;

**Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour:**

Tuesday after Mass in both
parishes

Christian Meditation:

MC: Wed. 8pm in term time
Mon, 1.30pm, Parish Room

Hatfield SVP:

07960 785673

St Pio Prayer Group:

SP: 1st Thur. monthly, 6pm

Proclaim Our Lady of

Fatima Family Rosary:

Contact: Lucia Federici:
07933 436387; Email:
luciafederici@mountcarmel
kindergarten.co.uk.

“My house shall be
called a house of prayer.”

*Before Mass - Talk to God
During Mass - Listen to God
After Mass - Talk to each
other.*

Catholic Chaplaincy Lister

Hospital: John O’Neil,
01438 285518

Suggestion/Comment Box:

Please use the box on the
table at the back of Church,
if you wish to express a
suggestion or comment on
any parish matter.

January Offertory Collection

Thank you.
Text: Parish HATFD to
70800 to donate £5 through
your mobile phone.

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