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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

## **+ 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A**

**You must love the Lord above all else" (Mt 22:37)** The long disputation between the religious and political leaders of the Jews and Jesus draws close to its climax with this question about the greatest commandment. Jesus had just emerged from silencing the Sadducees after exposing their false interpretation of the doctrine of resurrection (Mt 22:23-33), when the Pharisees pounced again. Considering the animosity between the two camps; on theological issues such as resurrection and political issues such as Roman rule, one would expect the Pharisees to celebrate their rival's defeat at the hand of Jesus. They had a bigger fish to catch. Their position as the interpreters of the law and their posing as the people's advocates have been rattled by the radical transformation ushered in by Jesus' teaching and works. Their credibility was on the ballot and suffering grievously. In their question, they sought to get Jesus to restate the greatest commandment of Deuteronomy 6:5 in hope that would score some reputation redemption point for them. Jesus did state the commandment and identified it as the greatest, but immediately adds a qualifier (first) which suggests there is more to it. The second he adds is like it, "You must love your neighbour as yourself" (Lev 19:18). This is an aspect the pharisees had greatly neglected as the lorded it over the people, which Jesus sought to emphasize. As the scriptures reveals, "whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (1Jn 4:20). While the first commandment represents the vertical dimension of one's faith (human-divine relationship), the second commandment represents the horizontal dimension (human-human relationship). The second commandment is comparable to the first in emphasis and significance. The quick succession and the manner in which Jesus states the two commandments highlight a complementary and symbiotic relationship between the two. The second builds upon the foundation of the first but the first manifests itself through the second. While second is built upon the first, the first is not complete without the second. Loving our neighbours is, to a great extent, an act of loving God in whose image the neighbours are made. Have a blessed week.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ex. 22:20 – 26**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Thess. 1:5 – 10**; Gospel: **Mt 22:34 – 40**.

Psalm: **Ps 23(22): I love you, Lord, my strength.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. (Acts 16:14) Alleluia!**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat., 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>+ 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	Mavice & Josie Ashwell 70 <sup>th</sup> Ann
		<b>11.00am</b>	Peter Dobie
Mon., 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Joyce Davies
Tue., 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Peter Dobie
Wed., 28 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	Ss Simon & Jude. Feast	7.30pm	
Thur., 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Blesses Martyrs of Douai College	9.30am	Leish Prendergast
Fri., 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Feria	9.30am	Irene & James Collins RIP
Sat., 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	<b>+ ALL SANTS.</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Roi Thomas RIP
<b>Sun., 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maurice Scally RIP

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>+ 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kelly McGrath
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Alice O'Dwyer
Mon., 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	John Flanagan RIP
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<b>Sun., 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>+ ALL SAINTS.</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Students welfare

**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

## NOVEMBER? ALL SOULS:

We have now put out the envelopes for your list of relatives and loved ones who have passed away, and your mass offering for prayers during the All souls mass and the month of November. You will find the envelopes at the entrance to the Church.

## MARYCHURCH WELFARE GROUP:

Our mission statement states that we strive to proclaim and live our faith by example and to serve others. There is no better time to exemplify service to others than during this strange time, and more so as we approach the winter months. We appreciate those who on individual capacities have reached out to shielding parishioners. We hereby make a request for members to come together in a united front to serve.

**October Devotion:** Due to the pandemic we are not able to meet and observe this devotion this year. We are encouraged to observe it privately by saying the Rosary in our homes every day. Please offer this prayer for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2020/2021:

Over 25 children made their First Holy Communion at St Peter's and Marychurch at the weekend and it was a most joyous occasion. We are now inviting applications for children in year 3 upwards who wish to make their First Communion next year. Application forms to register your interest will be available at both churches.

I am pleased to say that as a result of the church having adopted a number of safety guidelines, in order to keep our parishioners Covid-safe, we have seen a steady rise in the number of parishioners attending. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you we continue to be very vigilant, maintaining social distancing and other measures to keep the churches a safe place for all. For the safety of all of our church families, face coverings are to be worn while the Covid

guidelines remain in force. We very much look forward to seeing you in the church.

**St Peter's and Marychurch Catechists**

**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.

**The Cardinal** will celebrate **Mass for the deceased clergy of the diocese** on Nov. the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join him in prayer.

**Prayer and Fasting for Life:** Have a look at the poster on the notice board to this effect and be guided on how to join the prayers for end of abortion and euthanasia on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

**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.

**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,  
01707 262439; Email:  
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**SP:** Roshan Senanayake,  
Email:  
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**Planned Giving:**

**MC/STM:** Gillian Sutton:  
gilliansutton@rcdow.org.uk

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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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