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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

+ 33rd SUNDAY – YR A

“Well done, my good and faithful servant” Mtt. 25:21

No time in recent history has so much demand been made on our talents and the use of them as it has been in this year 2020, which has been horribly clouded by the Covid-19 pandemic. Never in the recent centuries has it been more expedient to deploy into action whatever gifts God has given us for the service of our fellow humans. A buried talent (gift) has never been more abhorrent an idea as it would be now if you were to think about a person who refuses to lend a hand to another in need at a time like this. Although the first two servants in this gospel parable have received and doubled large sums, their faithful trading is regarded by the master as ‘fidelity’ in small things. It is therefore, not the size of the talent but the attitude of the servants that won the master’s admiration and trust. The ‘wicked and lazy servant’s’ inactivity is not only negligible but seriously culpable, thus, his punishment. To you followers of Christ, who make sincere efforts at making use of your talents, this parable offers encouragement and consolation. There comes a time (such as we are in presently) when our path seems strewn with obstacles, our battles appear to never end, problems defy solutions, yet God has given each one of us the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one’s need. The servant who received the least talent, could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant. In the words of St Theresa of Kolkota, “smallest things when done for the love of God and neighbour are priceless”.

Stay Blessed and keep safe.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Prov. 31:10-31**; 2nd Reading: **1Thes. 5:1-6**; Gospel: **Matt 25:14-30**.

Psalm: **Ps 127(128):1-5** O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. (Rev 2:10) Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 14 TH Nov	+ 33rd SUNDAY. <i>Office, Week 1</i>		
Sun., 15 th Nov.		10.00am	Beverly Atkin & Family
Mon., 16 th Nov.	St Edmund	9.30am	Janets family intention
Tue., 17 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Alice & John Beckett RIP
Wed., 18 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Michael Burk RIP
Thur., 19 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Helen Conteh RIP/Minna's int.
Fri., 20 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Billy Watson
Sat., 21 st Nov.	+ 34th SUNDAY. Christ the King. <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.30am	Francis Heylen RIP
Sun., 22 nd Nov.		10.00am	Barry & Ane Holloway RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 15 th Nov.	+33rd SUNDAY. <i>Office, Week 1</i>	11.00am	The Faithful departed
Mon., 16 th Nov.	St Edmund	9.30am	
Tue., 17 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 18 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 19 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 20 th Nov.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 21 st Nov.	Presentation of BVM	9.30am	
Sun., 22 nd Nov.	+ 34th SUNDAY. Christ the King. <i>Office, Week 2</i>	11.00am	The Faithful departed

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:

PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED: following the government regulations on the latest lockdown, masses are suspended until otherwise directed. Below is the letter from the Cardinal Archbishop to this effect.

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, SW1P 1QJ 5 November 2020.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, As we enter this second 'lockdown' and loss of communal celebration of Mass, I wish to add these few words. This is a time for us to show our strength. And by that I do not mean strength in defiance. I mean strength in mutual support; strength in service; strength in perseverance and hope. I mean, then, the strength of our faith in action. The first act of faith is the praise of God. It is deep and constant prayer. This must be at the root of our lives, as individuals, as families, as households. I urge you, then, to stay faithful to daily patterns of prayer. Pray privately; pray together at home; come to church to pray; pray without ceasing. I thank God that our churches remain open to be places of peace and prayer, and the live streaming of the Mass, celebrated every day in our churches, is a great help. But that too must be rooted in our own life of prayer. Only by receiving the living water from the Lord will we pass through this arid time. Indeed, if we stay close to the Lord, we will be changed for the better by this time of crisis. The second act of faith is humble service. This is the road we are to follow: service of each other; outreach to the lonely; nourishment for the hungry; compassion for the sick, the isolated, the dying, especially those facing death alone, and those who mourn. Let's do it. These are the strengths we have, the strengths we must contribute to our society's way of life. Only in this day-to-day practice can we shape a different future, a better future, one that is more compassionate, more just, more charitable. This is the future which must come out of this crisis. We cannot just wait to 'get back to normal'. This is a time to rebuild a better family, a better household, a better neighbourhood, a better world. May God bless and sustain us all in the weeks ahead.

Yours devotedly, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster.

PRIVATE PRAYERS:

The present restrictions allow for private prayers in the church. For this reason, Marychurch will be opened from **10am to 11am from Mondays to Saturdays and 10:30 to 11:30am on Sundays.** incase someone desires to drop in and say some prayers.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: Please write down the names of loved ones who have died and give the lists to Fr. Francis if you haven't already done so, in sealed envelopes. ONLY the priest will put these envelopes in the container to avoid possible

contamination. The envelopes will be left near the altars in our churches during the month of November. The deceased will be remembered in prayer every day.

LEARNING FROM THE PANDEMIC Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum on Saturday 5th December 11am – 1.30pm. Zoom online event for the whole Diocese of Westminster. A time of reflection on the experience of the pandemic so far and conversation about the journey that now lies ahead. Speakers helping to facilitate the Forum include Anna Gavurin (Caritas Food Collective), Fr Richard Nesbitt (Parish Priest, White City) and Dr Pat Jones (Theologian). Chair: Fr Dominic Robinson SJ (Chair of Westminster Justice & Peace). Hosted by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Bishop Paul McAleenan. Co-sponsored by Caritas Westminster & Westminster Justice & Peace. Please register in advance to receive the Zoom link.<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/127452079601>.

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. Masses are being said everyday for your intentions.

Gift Aid Form: If you are a UK taxpayer, the church can claim from the government 25% of your contribution to it at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid Form. Also, due to the risks involved in cash handling, please consider making your contribution to the parish by Standing Order. To do so, also complete the section in the Gift Aid Form and return it to the parish office. The form is on the tables in the entrance and the exit porches.

National Youth Sunday: Sunday 22nd Nov is a special day of prayer for young people. Resource for National Youth Sunday can be found at www.nationalyouthsunday.com. The resources may be very helpful in this current lockdown.

This year, CYMFED is introducing National Youth Sunday on 20 Nov. NYFD is aimed at schools and will be livestreamed on CYMFed's You Tube channel. Schools can register at www.nationalyouthsunday.com/nyfd.

MARY'S MEALS: Donations are requested from all who can spare some in this hard times. Give from now until January 31st 2021 and your donations will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million – meaning Mary's meals can reach even more hungry children in Liberia with life-changing school meals.

Safeguarding: There has been the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) which was published on Tuesday. Victims and survivors of abuse have suffered hugely; their pain is so acute. Our prayer for them is essential. The Cardinal has said that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will reflect on the findings this week and make a deeper and more far-reaching response. Let us pray that at every level our procedures and ensuing action will safeguard children and vulnerable adults ensuring that nothing as tragic as this will ever happen again.

Please stay well. Follow the guidelines, as we look forward to the end of the lockdown and the emergence of something new in society and in the Church. We shall be praying for you at mass every day and ask for your prayers as well.