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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

## **+ 34<sup>th</sup> SUN(CHRIST THE KING) – YR A**

### **WHEN CHRIST COMES IN GLORY 25:31**

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or simply "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism; a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations, and even pandemics. The Solemnity establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men as follows: Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him". Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His Precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; (1Pt 2:9). Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy". God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion (Dan 7:13-14). Msgr Rudolf Ganda notes that "today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: supreme; extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings, universal; extending to all nations and to all places, eternal; for 'The Lord shall sit a King forever', spiritual; Christ's 'kingdom is not of this world'". When Christ is revealed, each of us will be judged upon our performance of the works of mercy expressed in the gospel today. These works as the gospel explains are reflections of our love for God and neighbour, a measure of how faithful to his commands we have been. (Mt 22:36). May the Lord our shepherd (Ps 23), bid us follow his lead and give us strength to carry one another along especially in the difficult times we are in. Amen. Have a blessed week and stay safe as we continue to pray for one another.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Prov. 31:10-31**; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<b>Sat., 21<sup>ST</sup> Nov</b>	<b>+ 34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY. Christ the King. Office, Week 2</b>		
<b>Sun., 22<sup>ND</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	Barry & Anne Holloway RIP
Mon., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Hannah Beckett RIP
Tue., 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>St Andrew Dun-Lac</b>	9.30am	Francis & Sarah Molholland RIP
Wed., 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Dareen Molholland RIP
Thur., 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Vera Conway & Kathleen Hamittan
Fri., 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Feria	9.30am	Sue Purdie
Sat., 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>+ 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Office, Week 1</b>	9.30am	Emily George Waterman RIP
<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	Norberto Santano Cardozo RIP

### ST PETER'S

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Sat., 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Feria	9.30am	
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**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.

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2020.**

*The account given in the IICSA Report of abuse known to be inflicted on children in the Catholic Church in England and Wales in the past 50 years is shocking and overwhelming. At our meeting this week, we Bishops have stood together in profound shame. We express our sorrow and contrition before God. We have reflected on our need to reach out afresh to those who bear the wounds of permanent damage caused by this abuse. We commit ourselves to listen more intently to those who have been abused so as to learn from them and benefit from their wisdom. It is through learning from their testimony that hearts are changed. We are grateful to those survivors who have come forward, not only to lay before us their experience of abuse, but to help us understand the depth of their pain. We invite anyone who has experienced abuse to come forward, no matter how long ago the abuse took place. We undertake to listen carefully to them with open heart and mind and support them on a journey of healing. We have carefully considered the recommendations of the IICSA Report and formally accepted them. We have already begun work towards their implementation. The IICSA's generic hearings into the Church began last October. Around that time, we commissioned an Independent Review of our Safeguarding Structures and Arrangements in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. This was carried out by Mr Ian Elliott, an experienced safeguarding professional who has worked across the world in this area. This week, alongside the IICSA Report, we have also examined in depth the Final Report of the Elliott Review and fully accepted its recommendations. It is a searching analysis of our safeguarding work, in its weaknesses and strengths. It proposes a number of remedial and forward-looking recommendations, which accord with the IICSA Report's own recommendations. The work of implementation will begin immediately. It will be carried out in close cooperation with the Religious Orders who play such an important part in the life of the Church. In all our activities, our desire and resolve is to be a Church in which every child and vulnerable person is not only safe but nurtured into human flourishing. These recommendations present us with steps towards this goal. Key to them is a standards-based approach to safeguarding together with a specially commissioned national body with powers of effective audit and oversight of safeguarding in both Dioceses and Religious Orders. Everyone in the Church will be required to work to clear, published standards of behaviour and action. Most significantly, the Elliott Report has been fashioned with the participation of survivors of abuse. Their insight and wisdom has been crucial. We thank them for their great courage and generosity in working with us and we look forward to continuing this growing collaboration. The Elliott Report builds on all that has been achieved in our safeguarding ministry in the past 20 years, achievements also recognised in the IICSA Report. Therefore, we thank profoundly all who contribute to the work of safeguarding in the Church*

*today: the thousands of Parish Safeguarding Representatives, the professionals who work in our Safeguarding Offices in every Diocese, the Safeguarding Commissions who oversee this work and give objective and professional advice to guide our decisions, the staff of the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service and those who serve on the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission. These, and many others, have contributed greatly to the current work of safeguarding in the Church. Today, however, we acknowledge without hesitation, our failings, our mistakes, our lack of adequate cooperation. We express our deep sorrow and ask forgiveness, especially from victims and survivors. We affirm our resolve to effect the next step in our work of safeguarding and care for survivors. In prayer we turn to Christ the Good Shepherd, the fount of healing and compassion, asking that this moment of painful truth becomes a time of grace as we strive to fulfil the ministry entrusted to us as bishops in an unshakeable unity of purpose.*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov is a special day of prayer for young people. Resource for National Youth Sunday can be found at [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://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 YouTube channel. Schools can register at [www.nationalyouthsunday.com/nyfd](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.