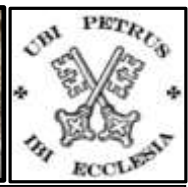


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

“Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13.33)

Blessed be our great God and most loving Father Who has brought us safely to the beginning of yet another liturgical year, despite the troubles of the past one. Thanks to the right decisions and actions of the government, and to the cooperation of most citizens, we will be returning to our community worship during the week. It also appears that we will be celebrating the year's Christmas communally, unlike what happened at Easter. In hope and with great expectation, we look forward to this. As we start today to prepare to welcome with joy the grace, the peace, the regeneration, and the transformation, that came with the birth of Our Lord, and as we look forward to the completion of our salvation when He returns in glory, we ought to rejoice. But our rejoicing should be measured, for we do not yet possess the fullness of glory. At this time of the year, most trees are without foliage; they are bare and appear to be dead; yet they are alive, and they await the new life that comes with Spring. In a similar way, when we look at the current calendar year that is passing away, we see reflected in our collective experience what the Scripture has said concerning us: “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh” (2 Cor. 4.8-11). All the uncertainty and anxiety, the pain and distress, the barrenness of the times we live in, should point us to the glory that will be revealed in us if in all our troubles we stand with the Lord, firm in Him.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 63.16-17; 64.1,3-8**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 1.3-9**; Gospel: **Mk 13.33-37**.
 Psalm: **Ps 80(79).2-3,15-16,18-19: God of hosts, bring us back; let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved**
 Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help. Alleluia!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 28th Nov	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>		
Sun., 29th Nov.		10.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Nov.	St Andrew, Apostle	10.00am	Thanksgiving to St Andrew
Tue., 1 st Dec..	Advent Feria	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wed., 2 nd Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00pm	Mulholland Family RIP
Thur., 3 rd Dec.	St Francis Xavier	10.00am	Bill and Raynah Watson, RIP
Fri., 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.00am	Darman Family RIP
Sat., 5 th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00Pm	Emily & George Waterman, RIP
Sun., 6th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Mary Heylen, RIP
		11.00am	Norberto Santano Cardozo, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 29th Nov.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Nov.	St Andrew, Apostle	9.30am	Francis Thottungal, RIP
Tue., 1 st Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 2 nd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 3 rd Dec.	St Francis Xavier	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 4 th Dec.	Advent Feria	.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 5 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sun., 6th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Janithi Aloka, Birthday T/giving
		11.00am	Tessa George, Birthday T/giving
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Parishioners

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

REOPENING OF CHURCH: Following the government's guideline, our church will reopen for public worship on **Wednesday the 2nd of December.** Please see the second page of this newsletter for Mass times. We warmly welcome you back to the church.

1st Holy Communion 2020/2021: Over 25 children made their First Holy Communion at St Peter's and Marychurch this year. We are now inviting applications for children in year 3 upwards who wish to make theirs next year. Application forms to register your interest are available at both churches.

We are pleased to say that as a result of the church having adopted a number of safety guidelines, in order to keep our parishioners Covid-19-safe, we have seen a steady rise in the number of parishioners attending. We 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 safe places 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.

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.

Learning from the Pandemic

Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum on Saturday 5th Dec., 11am – 1.30pm. Zoom online event for all. 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, Fr Richard Nesbitt, and Dr Pat Jones. Chair: Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. Host: Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Bishop Paul McAleenan. To receive the Zoom, please register in advance at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/127452079601>.

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:

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

Parish Office:

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

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

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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*

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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.
Text: Parish HATFD to
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