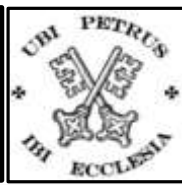


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



*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

+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR

“... the gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God.” (Mk 1.1)

St Mark begins his gospel with the words: *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God.* By the word, ‘gospel’, he sums up everything about the mystery of Christ – His person, identity, life, mission, teaching, and deeds. That word, formed from two old English words – ‘god’ (‘good’) and ‘spell’ (‘to tell’) – is the equivalent of the Greek word, *euangelion*, used by St Mark and translated as *evangelium* in Latin. It can be understood in two ways. In a broad sense, it means ‘the good news about the kingdom’ (Mt 4.23; Mk 1.15) – the ‘good tidings’ of salvation (cf. Is. 52.7-10) announced, not only to the Israelites, but to the whole world – the news that in and by Christ, we have been saved from sin and death and given eternal life. That Good News is primarily Our Lord Himself. It is the essence and entirety of our redemption that unfolded, and was accomplished, in and by Our Lord (Mt 9.35; 14.14; Mk 1.14; 13.10; 16.15; Acts 20.24; Rom. 1.1, 9, 16; 10.16). In this sense, there is only one gospel, because there is only one Christ, and one message of salvation. In a derived sense, the word ‘gospel’ means an account – written or unwritten – of the mystery of Christ given by a particular person. In this sense, there can be many ‘gospels’. In fact, in the early Church, about 50 gospels circulated, some of them attributed to the apostles. Of all these, only those of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were considered inspired by God, following a very lengthy and rigorous process of discernment led by the Spirit, and, so, were included in the Bible as Scripture. That discernment process also involved the early Church Fathers, including St Clement, St Justin, Tertullian, Tatian, St Irenaeus, St Augustine, and St Hippolytus of Antioch.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 40.1-5,9-11**; 2nd Reading: **2 Peter 3.8-14**; Gospel: **Mk 1.1-8**.

Psalm: **Ps 85(84).9-14**: *Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, and give us Your saving help.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 5th Dec.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	Emily & George Waterman, RIP
Sun., 6th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Mary Heylen, RIP
		11.00am	Norberto Santano Cardozo, RIP
Mon., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 8 th Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 9 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Sr Anthony Devlin
Thur., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Margaret Miles, RIP
Fri., 11 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Josie and Maurice Ashwell
Sat., 12th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 13th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family

ST PETER'S

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
Mon., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Kiran Perekatt, 8 th Birthday T/giving
Tue., 8 th Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 9 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 10 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
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		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls

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 has now reopened for public worship. We warmly welcome you back to the church and look forward to having together a fruitful Advent and a good Christmas celebration.

1st Holy Communion 2020/2021: Any parents who would like their children to make their Holy Communion in 2021 please complete an application form which is available at the back of the church. Closing date for applications has now been extended to Friday, 18th December. Please return forms to the parish office. Details of when the course will start will be confirmed in the New Year. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the programme please contact **Linda Graham on 07768 777768.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We need your support for Christmas flowers, and will be taking a second collection for it on Sunday the 20th. Please keep this in your diary.

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.

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

Safeguarding Officers:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
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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*

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
70800 to donate £5 through
your mobile phone.

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