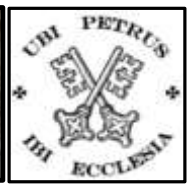


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**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT**



*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

+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances.” (1 Thes. 5.16-18)

Christians are a people of joy. We rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4.4), and also in our hope (Rom. 5.2). Our joy is not mitigated by the ills we suffer. We are patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer (Rom. 12.12). We may look sober when confronted by the ugliness of our sins, but deep in us, we are still full of joy. Our liturgy celebrates the day of “joy and rest” (*Catechism*, 1193); there we accept and transform – not deny or suppress – the reality of our present worries, in anticipation of the future glory that will be revealed to us (Rom. 8.18). Also, daily in our experiences, we rejoice in our freedom in the Lord Who redeems us (Is. 61.10; Lk 1. 47). We are thus the ones about whom Isaiah prophesied: “. . . the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Is. 35.10; 51.11). Therefore, on this 3rd Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle whose pink colour is the symbol of joy. All the day’s readings invite us to exult with joy in the Lord. The joy we are invited to experience and express is not the false joy that leaves its subjects dry afterwards. It is the kind that issues from the Spirit as its only source (Gal. 5.22) and which alone allows us, in the Spirit of the Beatitudes, to rejoice in our hope and tribulations (cf. Mt 5.12; Lk 6.23; Acts 5.41; Rom. 5.3; 12.12; 2 Cor. 6.10; Col. 1.24; Heb. 10.34; 1 Pt 4.13). It is experienced only by those who seek the Lord (Ps 105.3) with a sincere heart, that is, those who, with full respect for their Creator, recognise their utter dependence on Him (*Catechism*, 301).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Is 61.1-2,10-11**; 2nd Reading: **1 Thess. 5.16-24**; Gospel: **Jn 1.6-8, 19-28.**

Psalm: **Lk 1.46-50,53-54: *My soul rejoices in the Lord.***

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to Me. He has sent Me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 12 th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00am	Parishioners
Sun., 13 th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Ruth and Kevin Herbkersman
		11.00am	Beverly Atkin, RIP, and Family
Mon., 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Smolka Family
Tue., 15 th Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Henn Family
Wed., 16 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Frances Richards, 81 st B/Day
Thur., 17 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri., 18 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Mr & Mrs Beckett
Sat., 19 th Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Bridie & John Slean + Kay O'Brien, RIP
Sun., 20 th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Sylvia Smith

ST PETER'S

Sun., 13 th Dec.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon., 14 th Dec.	St John of the Cross	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue., 15 th Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed., 16 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thur., 17 th Dec.	Advent Feria	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 18 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 19 th Dec.	Advent Feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Sun., 20 th Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Holy Souls
		11.00am	Joseph Perekatt, 25 th Anniversary
		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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We need your support for Christmas flowers, and will be taking a second collection for it **next Sunday the 20th**. Your generous contribution will be highly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS 2020: **Christmas Eve:** Children's Mass – 5pm (Marychurch); Midnight Mass – 9pm (STM). **Christmas Day:** 9.30am (STM); 11am (MC). **Boxing Day:** 10am (MC). **Sunday Mass:** Saturday – 6pm (MC); Sunday – 9.30 (STM); 11am (MC).

Christmas Carols: The students of the university will be singing the carols at St Peter's on the 24th, beginning at 9.30pm. Please join them.

More Stewards and Cleaners will be needed for the Christmas celebrations. Please, let Janet or the priests know if you would like to help.

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**.

2021 Confirmations: The forms for the 2021 confirmations are now out. Intending candidates are requested to collect, complete and return the forms to

the parish office by the 20th of January 2021.

2021 RCIA Programme: The programme is for any adult – baptised or unbaptised – who wants to become a Catholic, and for Catholics who are no longer young children, but are yet to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. All interested candidates are requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office by the 20th of January 2021.

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.

Due to health concerns, please, note that **No Christmas Cards** should be left anywhere in the church for their addressees to collect.

Email Scam: Please ignore any email that purport to come from Fr Francis offering gift cards; it is a scam.

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,
01707 262439; Email:
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Planned Giving:

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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: 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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