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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 – 10.30am

Divine Office:

20 minutes before Mass

St Peter's

Sunday Masses: 9.15am,
11am, & 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

+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.” (Lk 1.31)

Certain things about the Incarnation should be clear. The first and foremost is this: the second Person of the Blessed Trinity becoming human in order to save all of humanity from sin, corruption, and death was entirely God's initiative, and not that of any human being. The initiative goes back to the very first moment after our first parents, Adam and Eve, fell from grace. Then, God promised that the ultimate triumph over Satan would come about by the 'Seed' of the 'woman' (Gen. 3.15). That promise is known in Christian theology as 'Proto-evangelium' – the first good news or gospel. In prophecy too, God reiterated the promise several times. Through Abraham, He promised a 'posterity' in Whom all the families of the earth would be blessed (Gen. 22.18). After He saved the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt, He again promised to raise up another prophet like Moses by whom He accomplished the Exodus (Duet. 18.15,18). To King David, He swore to set one of the sons of his body on his throne forever (Ps 132.11). By Isaiah He announced the 'Anointed One' who would liberate, free, preach the good news, and declare the Lord's year of favour (Is. 61.1-2; Lk 4.18-19). In his great speech in Solomon's Portico, St Peter declared that all those promises had found their fulfilment in Our Lord Whom he identified with the posterity promised Abraham, the prophet like Moses, and the Anointed One. (Acts 3.11-26). For St Paul, Our Lord was unequivocally that 'Seed of the woman' Who came to be born of her in the fullness of time (Gal. 4.4). By those promises and their fulfilment in Our Lord, then, God has restored all humanity to His love.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **2 Sam. 7.1-5,8-12,14,16**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 16.25-27**; Gospel: **Lk 1.26-38**.

Psalm: **Ps 89(88).2-5,27,29**: *My soul rejoices in the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 19th Dec.		6.00am	Bridie & John Slean + Kay O'Brien, RIP
Sun., 20th Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Sylvia Smith, RIP
Mon., 21 st Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Leish Prendergast
Tue., 22 nd Dec..	Advent Feria	9.30am	Barry & Anne Holloway, RIP
Wed., 23 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	7.30pm	Gregory Tomlin
Thur., 24 th Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Bridie & John Slean, RIP
	CHRISTMAS EVE	5.00pm	Kay O'Brien, RIP
		10.00pm	Parishioners
Fri., 25 th Dec.	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Christmas)	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
		11.00am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Sat., 26 th Dec.		6.00pm	Janet Giblin
Sun., 27th Dec.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	William Prendergast, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 20th 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
Mon., 21 st Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 22 nd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 23 rd Dec.	Advent Feria	9.30am	Isaac Rajeev, 2 nd Birthday, T/Giving
Thur., 24 th Dec.	CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00pm	
		8.00pm	
		10.00pm	Parishioner
Fri., 25 th Dec.	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Christmas)	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Maria Fernandez & Family, T/Giving
Sat., 26 th Dec.	St Stephen	10.00am	Angela Mary King, RIP
Sun., 27th Dec.	+ HOMLY FAMILY	9.00am	
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	Traveller
		6.00pm	

SICK 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 will be having a second collection for Christmas flowers today. Thank you for your generous support.

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

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: The completed forms ought to have been returned on Friday, 18th Dec. If anyone has not done so and would like their children to participate in the 2021 1st Holy Communion programme, they can 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 before the end of the year.

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 before the end of the year.

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.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE**

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:

MC/STM: Sat., 5-5.45pm; or
on request;

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

Marriage: See Parish Priest;
6 months' notice required;
Preparation is obligatory

Parish Office:

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

SP: Tue., Thur., Fri.: 9.30am-
1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
01707 262439; Email:
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SP: Roshan Senanayake,
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hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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: Thur. after Mass;

SP: Fri. 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
other.*

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.

December Offertory Collection

Thank you.

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