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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: 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

+ HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY – YEAR B

“The parents of Jesus took up to Jerusalem.” (Lk 2.22)

The family is the oldest human institution. It is the original cell of social life where a man and a woman, united in marriage, are called to mutually communicate themselves in love and transmit life. Its origin goes back to the moment God first created man and woman and established them in a permanent union, endowing them with the generative power, blessing them, and ordering them to propagate the human species (Gen. 1.27-28). Forming a family is thus the natural and primary vocation of all; everyone has a natural right to it, and only a higher call “for the sake of the kingdom” (Mt 19.10-12) can override the right. This institution was constituted a sacrament by the Lord Himself when, by His actual presence, He graced an instance of its formalisation at Cana. On that occasion, He performed the first miracle of His public ministry, although, then, His “hour has not yet come” (Jn 2.1-11). The family of the Christian is also a ‘domestic Church’ (*Lumen Gentium*, 11) called to be a community of faith, hope, and charity, and finding its true meaning in the Holy family of Nazareth. As the sign and image of ‘the communion of the Father and the Son in the Spirit,’ it is a privileged community that in childbearing and childrearing reflects the Father’s creative work, and creates an affinity of feelings, thoughts, affections, and interests. The ‘authority, stability, and life of relationships’ within it are the foundations of freedom, security, and fraternity in society. In it is provided education in the virtues (including self-denial, sound judgement, and self-mastery, which are preconditions for true freedom), and in the authentic human values of love, tenderness, respect, forgiveness, fidelity, love of truth, disinterested service, etc., initiating children into solidarity and communal responsibility (cf. *Catechism*, 2201-2207). In its integrity it ought to be respected, protected, and fostered by all.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen. 15.1-6; 21.1-3**; 2nd Reading: **Col. 3.12-21**; Gospel: **Lk 2.22-40**.

Psalm: **Ps 128(127).1-5**: *O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! *At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, He has spoken to us through His Son. Alleluia!*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 26 th Dec.	+ HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY	6.00am	Janet Giblin
Sun., 27 th Dec.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	William Prendergast, RIP
		Mon., 28 th Dec.	Holy Innocents
Tue., 29 th Dec.	St Thomas Becket	9.30am	Bert, RIP
Wed., 30 th Dec.	Christmas Octave	7.30pm	Steven Conteh, RIP
Thur., 31 st Dec.	Christmas Octave	9.30am	
	New Year's Vigil	10.30pm	
Fri., 1 st Jan. 2021	MOTHER OF GOD	10.00am	Parishioners
Sat., 2 nd Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	6.00pm	Daran Nathaniel & Family
Sun., 3 rd Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	Henry Nathaniel, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 27 th Dec.	+ HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY	9.00am	Tim O'Donovan, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Traveller
Mon., 28 th Dec.	Holy Innocents	9.30am	Noreen Savage's Intention
Tue., 29 th Dec.	St Thomas Becket	9.30am	Seena and Family
Wed., 30 th Dec.	Christmas Octave	9.30am	
Thur., 31 st Dec.	New Year's Vigil	10.30pm	Shimal Fernando, 13 th Birthday
Fri., 1 st Jan. 2021	MOTHER OF GOD	10.00am	Parishioners
Sat., 2 nd Jan.	Ss Basil & Gregory	10.30am	
Sun., 3 rd Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kiely and Family
		2.00pm	Traveller
		6.00pm	

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

NEW YEAR 2021: A vigil of adoration, prayer, and Mass to welcome the new year will be held on Thursday the 31st, starting from 10.30pm. You are most welcome to join us.

More Stewards and Cleaners continue to be needed at Marychirch and St Thomas More. 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.

**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR TO 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.

Monthly Offertory Collection

Thank you.

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