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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

**+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR B**

**“Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.” 1 Sam. 3.9)**

We learn from the Scripture that “faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the preaching of Christ” (Rom. 10.17). Hearing in this sense does not mean hearing mere sounds with our ears, but hearing sounds with meaning, hearing with our hearts and with understanding, taking in what we hear, so it can take root in us and bear its fruit. To hear in this way, we need to listen with attention. But we cannot listen while we are talking or full of noise. God speaks to us all the time – in and through each person we meet, and every event and experience of our life. In one major respect, the Israelites of the time of God’s public revelation differed from all other peoples; guided by the Holy Spirit, they saw the hand of God in all that happened to them – in their experience of abundance, success, victory, liberation, and peace, but also in that of failure, famine, war, and hardship. Their national consciousness was such that they saw in their collective experience a revelation of God’s will, and an instruction for their life. They saw all that experience from the viewpoint of their relationship with God. In and through the experience seen in that perspective, the Holy Spirit revealed God’s holy will and generated the sacred Scripture. We are at a very critical point in our history. Someone has asked – and rightly – what God is saying to us in and through the pandemic, whether by the global devastating activity of that microscope virus, He is showing up the folly of human wisdom (1 Cor. 3.19), and the weakness of human might (cf. Lk 1.46-56). Whatever it is, He is most certainly saying something to us. We can grasp that message only when we truly listen and keep Him in the discussion on this issue.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **1 Sam. 3.3-10,19**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Cor. 6.13-15,17-20**; Gospel: **Jn 1.35-42.**

Psalm: **Ps 39(40).2,4,7-10: *Here I am, Lord! I come to do Your will.***

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!***

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat., 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>6.00am</b>	Kathleen O'Brien, RIP
<b>Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>(STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Special Intention
Mon., 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Remy Stephens, RIP
Tue., 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Teresa Hopkins
Wed., 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	St Agnes	9.30am	
Fri., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.		<b>6.00pm</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	Maurice Ashwell, RIP
		<b>(STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen O'Brien

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Christy A. Torrens
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Simon Doherty, God's Protection
Mon., 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	St Agnes	7.00pm	John & Joslin Britto, 25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Fri., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	Feria	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY</b> <i>Office, Week 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**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 Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Hans Henn, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Larry Carolan, Charles Andi, and Paul Donnelly.

# NOTICES

**SPH Food Bank:** We have decided to provide a Food Bank for families in need at school. Please feel free to refer anyone from the parish to us and they are welcome to help themselves to what they need. If they need more than we can provide and are in serious need of help then I can speak to the proper Food Bank and would be able to issue them a voucher to go there.

**Covid-19 Vaccination:** During the week Pope Francis with Benedict XVI received his Covid-19 vaccination in the Vatican, to underline the fact that it is morally good and acceptable to do so. Everyone who has the opportunity is therefore strongly advised to get the jab to protect both themselves and other people from infection with the virus.

**2021 Confirmations:** The forms for the 2021 confirmations have been out. Intending candidates who haven't done so can still collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office.

**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 still requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office.

More **Stewards and Cleaners** continue to be needed at Marychurch and St Thomas More. Please, let Janet or the priests know if you would like to help.

**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.

**New National Lockdown:** Communal worship (including Mass, prayer, baptism, funeral, etc.) continues to be allowed in the current lockdown. While attending the event, please observe these guidelines:

- Face covering must be worn at all times while inside the church, unless you are exempt;
- Maintain social distancing at all times;
- Sanitise you hands while entering and leaving the church;
- Follow the instructions of stewards;
- Do not mingle with anyone outside your household or support bubble;
- Mass may be attended by the number of people up to the church's capacity, allowing for social distancing;
- There should be no congregational singing;
- No more than six people should attend baptisms outside of Mass;
- Weddings planned for the next 6 weeks should be postponed;
- Classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation should be online;
- The church should be cleaned after use.

The funeral Mass of **Maurice Charles Ashwell (94)** will take place St Thomas More, Welham Green, on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Mgr Mark Anthony Edmund Langham, 61**, who died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

**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

**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:  
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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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