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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

+ 3RD SUNDAY – YEAR B

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.” (Mk 1.15)

Everything Our Lord did is as basic and important as all He said. In fact, the two – what He said and what He did – together form the Good News – the one message of salvation that reveals to us the will of God, and commends itself to belief. This means we cannot believe one without believing the other too. If we believe what Our Lord said, we must also believe what He did, for these two aspects of His life serve the same purpose. Just as He announced the fulfilment of time in the arrival of God's kingdom (Mk 1.15), He also brought about that fulfilment and inaugurated the kingdom by His life and actions. His coming into the world was itself the sure sign of the fullness of time (Gal. 4.4). This sign reached its highpoint in His death on the Cross whereon “it is finished” (Jn 19.30), that is, all that needed to be done to open the kingdom to everyone was then completed. So, when He began His ministry by gathering disciples around Him, He was programmatically establishing for all who wish to be saved the new covenant community, a community of God's people in which without distinction all are equal (Rom. 10.12; Col. 3.11; Gal. 3.28). In this community, every one is God's child (Jn 1.12; Gal. 3.26), a firstborn citizen of heaven (Heb. 12.22-23), God's heir (Rom. 8.17). This community is the Church founded on Our Lord as its eternal cornerstone (Eph. 2.20), with love as its principle of life, unity, and action (Jn 13.35; 1 Cor. 16.14; Jn 15.17). It is visibly present in the world, but extends to heaven. It is the community that lives daily the mysteries of the kingdom, while leading believers to the perfection of grace in the kingdom of heaven.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Jonah 3.1-5,10**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 7.29-31**; Gospel: **Mark 1.14-20**.

Psalm: **Ps 24(25).4-6,7b-9**: *Lord, make me know Your ways.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 23rd Jan.		6.00am	Special Intention
Sun., 24th Jan.	+ 3RD SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.30am	Maurice Ashwell, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Kathleen O'Brien
Mon., 25 th Jan.	Conversion of St Paul	9.30am	Kathleen Rhine & Family Intentions
Tue., 26 th Jan.	Ss Timothy & Titus	9.30am	Theresa Maunganidze, RIP
Wed., 27 th Jan.	Feria	7.30pm	Constantine Maunganidze, RIP
Thur., 28 th Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Ralph Scognamillo, RIP
Fri., 29 th Jan.	V. Mass of Sacred Heart	9.30am	Russell Holloway
Sat., 30 th Jan.		6.00pm	Barbara O'Neill
Sun., 31st Jan.	+ 4TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.30am	Maurice Ashwell, RIP
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Sylvia Banister, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 24th Jan.	+ 3RD SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	John Darby, RIP
		11.00am	Amanda Hemming (Sick)
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 25 th Jan.	Conversion of St Paul	9.30am	John Darby, RIP
Tue., 26 th Jan.	Ss Timothy & Titus	9.30am	John Darby, RIP
Wed., 27 th Jan.	Feria	9.30am	Cynthia Chrimes, RIP
Thur., 28 th Jan.	St Thomas Aquinas	7.00pm	Miroslaw
Fri., 29 th Jan.	V. Mass of Sacred Heart	9.30am	
Sat., 30 th Jan.	Memorial Mass of BVM	10.30am	Cynthia Payne, RIP
Sun., 31st Jan.	+ 4TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Stella Cunningham, RIP
		11.00am	Lucia & Franco Federici, T/Giving
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Parishioners

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

Word of God Sunday: Today is the Sunday of the Word of God. This Sunday was instituted by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Letter, 'Aperuit illis', "“a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people” (Misericordia et Misera, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.' - Aperuit illis

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: Pope Francis and Benedict XVI have received their Covid-19 vaccination in the Vatican. They give us both an example and encouragement. So, all who have the opportunity should go on and take the jab. This is to protect both themselves and other people from getting infected with the deadly virus.

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.

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 your 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 29th at 1.00 pm.

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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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 11 am
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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