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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:

Suspended for now.

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 – 11.30 am

Morning Prayer:

Suspended for now.

+ 4TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you.” (Deut. 18.15)

Moses was a man of an immense spiritual, political, and moral stature greatly revered by Jews, as well as in Christianity and Islam. He exceeded other human beings in virtue (Num. 12.3) and was as a god to Pharaoh (Exod. 7.1). He was the quintessential prophet with whom God spoke face to face as a man speaks with his friend (Exod. 33.11). Through him, God freed the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt. At the time God gave the Law at Mount Sinai, He let Israel have a glimpse of His glory in the thunder and lightning that announced His presence. The incident was so frightening that the people pleaded with Moses to ask God not to speak to them directly ever again (Exod. 20.18-19). In response, God promised to send them a prophet like Moses who would speak the word of God to them, to whom they should listen, and whose word they should obey (Deut. 18.15-19). The New Testament sees Our Lord as fulfilling that promise. It sees Him as that great prophet who was to come into the world (Jn 1.21; Jn 6.14; Acts 3.22,23; 7.37), the One to mediate between us and God (1 Tim. 2.5; Heb. 8.6; 9.15; 12.24), the One who now leads us, not from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land of Israel, but from the slavery of sin to the liberty of our eternal salvation in our true homeland in heaven (Phil. 3.20). He Himself speaks to us only the word He has heard from the Father, and as the Father has bidden Him to speak (Jn 8.38; 12.49-50). The word He speaks is itself spirit and eternal life (Jn 6.63, 68). To Him, then, and to no other, we ought to listen, and His word only we ought to obey (Mt 7.24; Jn 5.24).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Deut. 18.15-20**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 7.32-35**; Gospel: **Mark 1.21-28**.
 Psalm: **Ps 94(95).1-2,6-9**: *O that today you would listen to His voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 30th Jan.	+ 4TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00am	Barbara O'Neill
Sun., 31st Jan.		9.30am (STM)	Maurice Ashwell, RIP
		11.00am	Sylvia Banister, RIP
Mon., 1 st Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Tue., 2 nd Feb.	Lord's Presentation	9.30am	Hazel Minns, RIP
Wed., 3 rd Feb.	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	7.30pm	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Thur., 4 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Teresa Hopkins
Fri., 5 th Feb.	St Agatha	9.30am	Ruth Moss, God's Healing
Sat., 6 th Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 7th Feb.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

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
Mon., 1 st Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
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Wed., 3 rd Feb.	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	9.30am	
Thur., 4 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 5 th Feb.	St Agatha	9.30am	
Sat., 6 th Feb.	St Paul Miki & Co.	10.30am	
Sun., 7th Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Liz Mackenzie, RIP
		11.00am	Sunanda Senanayake, RIP
		2.00pm	
		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

Parish Outreach: We have have wanted to reach all our parishioners particularly at these difficult times. Unfortunately we do not have the contact of every one, and many of the contacts in our register are no longer current. For that reason, we have begun to update our parish register. We request that if you are not currently in our mailing list, or know someone in that position, kindly send us the relevant email address or phone number. Thank you for your assistance.

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 baptised or unbaptised adult who wants to become Catholic & 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.

EU Settlement Scheme Important Information: If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family members need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK beyond 30 June 2021. For more information and to apply, visit **[gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme)**

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;
- 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 to be cleaned after use.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr Bernard McCumiskey** who died on the 23rd of this month.

Baptism: See Parish Priest.
Preparation obligatory

Confessions:

MC/STM: Only on request for now;
SP: Only on request for now.

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,
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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 11am
Mass in both parishes.
Please, join us.

Sacred Heart Novena:
MC, SP: Suspended for now.

Rosary: MC/STM:
Suspended for now.

SP: Suspended for now.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:
Suspended for now.

Christian Meditation:
MC: Suspended for now.

Hatfield SVP:
07960 785673

St Pio Prayer Group:
SP: Suspended for now.

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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