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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

**+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR B**

**“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.” (Mark 1.9)**

When he was approached for baptism by Our Lord, St John, fully aware that Our Lord did not need baptism, and that he, St John, was the one who needed to be baptised by Our Lord, strongly protested (Mt 3.14). He had earlier borne witness that Our Lord is the true Baptiser Who baptises with the Holy Spirit (Mt 3.11; Lk 3.16; Jn 1.33). Our Lord agreed, but nonetheless insisted on being baptised by St John. He was subsequently baptised. Knowing what baptism does, it is easy to see why Our Lord did not need baptism, while every other human being does, and why He, nevertheless, sought it and was baptised. From what God has revealed, baptism does two things, namely, it cleanses us of sin, including Original Sin, and makes us children of God and of grace, members of Christ and the Church, and citizens of heaven. Our Lord Who was conceived holy (Lk 1.34) and utterly without sin (Heb. 4.15) had to assume our sinful nature in order that in Him we who sin and fall short of God's grace (Rom. 3.23) might, by being born anew of water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3.3,5), become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5.21). Secondly, Our Lord is by nature God's beloved Son, the fact attested to twice by the Father Himself, one at Our Lord's baptism (Mt 3.17), and the other at His transfiguration (Mt 17.5). By baptising us with water and the Holy Spirit, He unites us to Himself, makes us share in His divine nature, and enables us to become children of God (Jn 1.12) by adoption in Him (Gal. 4.4-5). In Him, then, we become a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17), having been born not of blood or of the will of the flesh or the will of man, but of God (Jn 1.13).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Is 55.1-11**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Jn 5.1-9**; Gospel: **Mark 1.7-11**.

Psalm: **Ps 147.12-15,19.20**: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*  
**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat., 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>6.00am</b>	Bridie & John Slean + Kay O'Brien, RIP
<b>Sun., 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maurice Scally, RIP
Mon., 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria, Office Week 1</i>	9.30am	Bridie & John Slean, RIP
Tue., 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Jimmy Hopper, RIP
Wed., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	7.30pm	
Thur., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	
Fri., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	
Sat., 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Kathleen O'Brien, RIP
<b>Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Special Intention

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Mon., 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria, Office Week 1</i>	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Tue., 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Wed., 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Thur., 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Fri., 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	
Sat., 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Rajeev Johnson, Birthday T/Giving
<b>Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i></b>	<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

**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

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2020/2021:** The completed forms ought to have been returned on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020. If anyone has not done so and would like their children to participate in the 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion programme, they can contact **Linda Graham on 07768 777768**.

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.

**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 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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Maurice Charles Ashwell (94)** of Welham Green who died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2021. His funeral will take place St Thomas More, Welham Green, on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> 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:  
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

**SP:** Roshan Senanayake,  
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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:** 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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