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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 OF CHRISTMAS – YEAR B**

**“To all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God.” (John 1.12)**

Janus was a pious king in Roman mythology who went on to be venerated as a god. He had two faces, one face looking forward, and the other backward. With the two faces, he could see at the same time what lay ahead and what lay behind him without having to turn his head, signifying his ability to see the future and the past, the beginning and the end, the inside and the outside of things. He was also regarded as the god of transition who stood between two worlds, the world of war transitioning to the world of peace. January – the first month of the year – was named after this Roman god, Janus. It marks the end of the past year, and the beginning of the new one. Like the present that connects the past and the future, January reminds us of the journey we all must make from our past to our future through the present. It invites us to be mindful of where we are coming from, while keeping where we are going in view. The persons we are today were shaped by our past, and have much to say about who we become in future. We are mindful of our past, not to relive it (except where we cannot move forward unless we do so), or to be trapped in it, but to learn from it in shaping our future. Sometimes, we may need to forget – but not to deny or suppress – our past in order to make meaningful progress in shaping our future. St Paul understood the significance of this. Through the Philippians he teaches us to forget what lies behind us and, straining forward to what lies ahead, to “press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3.12-14). In the same way, we need to forget all the troubles and frustrations of 2020 now gone, and press on towards the rich possibilities of 2021.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Eccl. 24.1-2,8-12**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Eph. 1.3-6,15-18**; Gospel: **Jn 1-18**.

Psalm: **Ps 147.12-15,19.20**: *The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to You, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to You, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sat., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>6.00am</b>	Daran Nathaniel & Family
<b>Sun., 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Special Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Henry Nathaniel, RIP
Mon., 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	7.30pm	
Thur., 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>6.00pm</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

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Dominic V. D.
		<b>11.00am</b>	Kiely Family
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Traveller
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Joji Richard & Resmy Pushpam, Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
Tue., 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Fr Joseph Etim msp, RIP
Wed., 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.30am	Russell Sinfield, RIP
Thur., 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	7.00pm	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
Fri., 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Christmas Feria	9.30am	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.
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		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Franice Gerard McDonagh's Int.

**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

**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**.

**Many thanks** to all those who supported the parish by buying the Christmas cards. Over 100 packs were sold for parish funds.

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.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of **Fr James Anthony Duffy**, a priest of the archdiocese who died on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.

Pray also for the peaceful repose of **Fr David Powers** who died on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. His funeral Mass will come up on **Wednesday January the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am at St Bridget of Sweden's, Isleworth**.

**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:  
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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