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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.

+ 5TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

“He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.” (Mark 1.39)

Each particular Church – that is, a diocese – often appoints some priests (or a priest, as the case may be) as its exorcists. For their appointments, exorcists receive a special training and are then formally invested with the authority given the Church by Our Lord to cast out devils (cf. Mk 3.15; Lk 9.1) in the name of the Lord (Mk 16.17). Without this authority, a person trying to cast out a devil may be harmed, and told by the devil: “Jesus I know . . . but who are you?” (cf. Acts 19.11-20). The Church gives much attention to the presence of the devil in people’s lives because it believes that (a) the devil is real and not a figment of the imagination; (b) the devil can, and often does interfere in people’s lives, in some cases actually taking possession of the people, inhabiting and operating through their bodies and senses; (c) the presence of the devil in people’s lives is always destructive of them. For their safety and wellbeing, it is imperative that the devil be expelled from them; (d) casting out devils is thus an essential aspect of the Church’s ministry. This ministry came directly from the Lord Who spent much time casting out devils and liberating people from the power and domination of Satan in their lives (Mk 1.25-25, 34, 39; 3.22; 5.8; 7.26; 9.25; Mt 8.16; 9.32-34; 12.26-27, 29, 31, 32; Lk 4.14-15, 18-20, 33-35; 13.32). To be clear, demonic possession is neither a physical or psychological illness nor a symptom of either. Therefore, before exorcism is resorted to, physical or psychological illness as an explanation of a person’s condition has to be ruled out through the use of the medical sciences (Can. 1172).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Job 7.1-4,6-7**; 2nd Reading: **1 Cor. 9.16-19,22-23**; Gospel: **Mark 1.29-39**.

Psalm: **Ps 146(147).1-6: Praise the Lord Who heals the broken-hearted.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I Am the Light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 6th Feb.		6.00am	
Sun., 7th Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.30am	
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 8 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 9 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 10 th Feb.	St Scholastica	7.30pm	
Thur., 11 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 12 th Feb.	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.30am	
Sat., 13 th Feb.		6.00pm	
Sun., 14th Feb.	+ 6TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.30am	
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 7 Feb.	+ 5TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Liz Mackenzie, RIP
		11.00am	Sunanda Senanayake, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 8 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 9 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Bruno Fernando, RIP, Birthday
Wed., 10 th Feb.	St Scholastica	9.30am	Lily Lawrence, RIP
Thur., 11 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 12 th Feb.	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.30am	
Sat., 13 th Feb.	Mass of BVM	10.30am	Catherine McCann
Sun., 14th Feb.	+ 6TH SUNDAY <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Lian Loh, 40 th Birthday

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Sr Jo snd, Martina Knightly, Adele Pym, Chido Chandisarewa, Anne Owens, Alan Smith, Rob Catlings, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Larry Carolan, Charles Andi, and Paul Donnelly.

NOTICES

Ash Wednesday comes up on the 17th to start this year's Lenten Season. Mass and the sprinkling with ashes will take place that day both in the morning and in the evening. The Cardinal has also provided for the day to be celebrated in the home. The details, and those of the parish Lenten programme will be provided next weekend.

SPH Food Bank: SPH has decided to provide a Food Bank for families in need at school. Please feel free to refer anyone from the parish to the school, and they are welcome to help themselves to what they need. If they need more than the school can provide and are in serious need of help, the school can speak to the proper Food Bank and would be able to issue them a voucher to go there. **Any parishioner who wishes to donate to this foodbank is welcome to drop off the donation at the parish house and it will be delivered to St Philip Howard's. Thanks.**

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 Marychirch 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 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;
- 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.

The parish lost two elderly parishioners during the week: **Mr Hans Hen of Dutch Nurseries, STM**, who died on Sunday the 31st of January, and **Mrs Kathleen Rhine** (94) who died on Tuesday February the 2nd. Please pray for their peaceful repose, and for the consolation of their families and loved ones.

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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