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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.

## **+ LENT 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR B**

***In the days of Noah, a few people were saved through water***  
(1 Peter 3.20)

When the world was overrun by wickedness, with the human heart continually filled with evil, regretting having created human beings (Gen. 6.5-6), God blotted out all life on the face of the earth by the waters of the great deluge (Gen. 7.17-23). From a group of eight persons who were left unscathed, He raised a new humanity purified of sin. During the Exodus, too, the foe who held God's people in bondage for over 400 years was drowned in the Red Sea (Exod. 14.26-29), and all those who were saved through the waters of the sea were baptised into Moses (1 Cor. 10.2). These two ancient events prefigured the final struggle in which the primeval foe would be eternally drowned, and in which would be purified from sin all those who, through the waters of baptism, would be saved (1 Pt 3.21) from a world once more sunk in vice. Thus, from ancient times, water has been a rich symbol of purification and regeneration. Now, through the waters of baptism, we rise from death to life (Rom. 6.4; Col. 2.12), and cross over from the slavery of sin to the glorious liberty of God's children (Rom. 8.21). To be valid, this baptism which incorporates us into the Lord (Gal. 3.27; Acts 19.5) has to be administered with the element of water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3.5; Acts 1.5), water symbolising the regeneration of the baptised in "an appeal to God for a clear conscience" (1 Pt 3.21), and the Spirit bringing about that regeneration by His divine power. Thus regenerated, not of flesh and blood, or of the will of the flesh or the will of man, but of the will of God, we truly become the children of God (Jn 1.12-13), a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17) called to live the new life of grace.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Gen. 9.8-15**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Pt 3.18-22**; Gospel: **Mark 1.12-15**.

Psalm: **Ps 24(25).4-6,7-9**: *Your ways, O Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep Your covenant.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to You O Christ, King of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise . . .**

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	+ 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine, RIP
Mon., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	Chair of St Peter	9.30am	
Tue., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	+ 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Healing of Lynette

## ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>+ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Maria Brown, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Thomas Kiely, RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	<b>Chair of St Peter</b>	9.30am	
Tue., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
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Thur., 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Lent Feria	10.30am	Rosli Hafliger, RIP
<b>Sun., 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>+ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Vladimir Kosecky, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Somu Amala Das, RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners

**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

**Parish Online Streaming:** Wi-Fi is being installed in the church and the hall. Once completed, our public worships and youth programmes will be streamed online. The next weekend's newsletter will carry the Facebook and YouTube links.

**Stations of the Cross** will as usual be in the church every Friday at 7pm and will in due course be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube. The links will be provided.

**Lenten Prayer/Reflection:** A 30-minute session of prayer and reflection every Teusday at 7pm. The session will be streamed live on this Zoom link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88465953516?pwd=aWFIT1BPOElGYjBGWTZuS0h4cVYyUT09>; Meeting ID: 884 6595 3516; Passcode: EYQ6hc

### **Lenten Programmes:**

- A diocesan programme titled "No Greater Love";
- Six Bible studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels every Wednesday, 7-8.30pm. Information and free registration are available at <https://comeandsee.org/lent>.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of the future, the Parish Council has decided to postpone the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for this year. The celebration will now take place next year if and when normalcy returns to our parish life.

**2021 Confirmations:** Applications for this year's programme are still welcome.

Intending candidates are requested to collect, complete, and return the forms to the parish office. The forms can also be downloaded online from the parish microsite.

**Youth Ministry:** The Youth Group plans to start the youth programme online with the post-Communion children. The initial programme will involve games. An Apha programme for teenagers will follow later.

**Events Committee:** The committee will be contacting every parishioner in the near future with its proposals on a number of parish programmes. We will be needing the cooperation of everyone for those programmes to succeed.

**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.

**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@mountcarmelkindergarten.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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