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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 2ND SUNDAY – YEAR B

“Rabbi, it is well that we are here.” (mark 9.5)

On 13 July 1917, Francesco, Jacinta, and (Sr) Lucia, the three young visionaries of Fatima, had a very terrifying vision of hell shown them by Our Lady. Their kind of experience is rare, but a genuine spiritual experience. It could be of any spiritual reality – God Himself, heaven, the saints, purgatory, hell, or the devil who can appear as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11.14). It goes beyond what we can attain by the natural use of our senses. It is a gift God grants to anyone He chooses, not as a result of the visioner's desires, efforts, merits, or sanctity, but gratuitously. It takes various forms, its highest form being the mystical union in love of the visioner with the Triune God (cf. Jn 14.23); for God is love (1 Jn 4.8), and “he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him” (1 Jn 4.16). The experience is so deep and indescribable, but not unintelligible. It is an experience “that cannot be told, which man may not utter” (2 Cor. 12.4). It is unutterable, because its object is totally outside the range of our natural experience, so we have no common language for it. The Scripture describes the object as “what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived” (1 Cor. 2.9). The visioner, like St Peter at the Transfiguration, may also be so transfixed by the experience as to know not what to say concerning it (cf. Mk 9.6). To be distinguished from vision as a genuine and deep spiritual experience are things like ecstasy which may have natural causes, mysticism as an intellectual experience of a direct and immediate intuition of truth, spiritism that mediums practise, and evocation such as the type employed by King Saul to call up the spirit of Samuel from the dead (1 Kg 28).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Gen. 22.1-2,9-13,15-18**; 2nd Reading: **Rom. 8.31-34**; Gospel: **Mk 9.2-10**.
 Psalm: **Ps 115(116).10,15-19**: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to You O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him. Glory . . .

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 27 th Feb.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 28th Feb.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Healing of Lynette
Mon., 1 st Mar.	St David	9.30am	
Tue., 2 nd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 3 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Raynah Watson, RIP
Thur., 4 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 5 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Intention of Roger's Friend
Sat., 6 th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	John & Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 7th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Barry Holloway, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 28th Feb.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Vladimir Kosecky, RIP
		11.00am	Somu Amala Das, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 1 st Mar.	St David	9.30am	
Tue., 2 nd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 3 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 4 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 5 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 6 th Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 7th Mar.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Harold Pym, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

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 to be installed in the church and the hall. When completed, our public worships and youth programmes will be streamed online. The links will soon be provided.

Stations of the Cross takes place in the church every Friday at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Lenten Prayer/Reflection: A 30-minute session of prayer and reflection **every Teusday at 7.30 pm.** The session will be streamed live on this Zoom link: **<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88465953516?pwd=aWFIT1BPOEIGYjBGWTZuS0h4cVYyUT09>**; Meeting ID: **884 6595 3516**; Passcode: **EYQ6hc**

50th Anniversary Celebration: Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of the future, the Parish Council has decided to postpone the 50th 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.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021: Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten

Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever.

Marriage and Family Life: enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church;

Youth and Evangelisation: helping young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith;

Caritas Westminster: putting our faith into action by serving those in need;

Education Service: supporting our schools. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for the following whose funeral Mass will take place during the week:

1. **Matilde Maria Antonia Giovanna Coulter** (111 years), at Marychurch on the 1st of March @ 1.00 pm;
2. **Antoniette Cordner** (82 years), at Marychurch on Tuesday the 2nd of March @ 1.00 pm; and
3. **Hans Paul Wilhelm Henn** (91 years) of The Dutch Nursery; the funeral Mass will be at St Thomas More on the 11th of March @ 12.30 pm.

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

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.

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:
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07710978770; Email:
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Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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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.

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