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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 4TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

“The Son of Man must be lifted up.” (Jn 3.14)

During His conversation with Nicodemus, that leading Jew who visited Him at night (Jn 3.1-21), Our Lord spoke of the necessity of Him in His human nature as the ‘Son of Man’, being lifted up, as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21.1-9). That would happen so that anyone who believes in no other but the One who was lifted up, and looks on Him Who was pierced (Jn 19.37; Zech. 12.10), might have eternal life (Jn 3.14). He stressed this necessity further while responding to a request by some Greeks to have an audience with Him. On that occasion, He said: “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, shall draw all men to Myself” (Jn 12.32). He was literally lifted up from the earth when, having been nailed to it, and still hanging on it, the Cross was raised up. There on that Cross, He shed His Blood in expiation for the sins of all the world (1 Jn 2.2; Rom. 3.25); and bleeding to death still there, He paid the price of our sins (1 Pt 2.24; 1 Cor. 6.20; 7.23) and set us free (Gal. 5.1). The Cross is thus the symbol of salvation, not by its own merit – for in itself, it was nothing more than wood – but by virtue of Him Who hung and died upon it. People who were bitten by the deadly snake got cured by looking at the bronze snake raised up on a standard in the wilderness. Now, those who look at the One who was raised on the standard of the Cross all find salvation. Thus, from being an instrument of torture, disgrace, and painful death, the Cross has become the instrument by which Satan is vanquished, evil and death are overcome, and eternal life and glory are offered to all. So, we glory in naught except the Cross of Our Lord by which the world is crucified to us, and we are crucified to the world (Gal. 6.14).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **2 Chron. 36.14-16,19-23**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 2.4-10**; Gospel: **John 3.14-21**.
 Psalm: **Ps 136(137).1-6**: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember You not.*
Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to You, O Christ! God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son; everyone who believes in Him has eternal life. Glory . . .

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 13 th Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman's Int.
Sun., 14 th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine, RIP
Mon., 15 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 16 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 17 th Mar.	St Patrick (F)	7.30pm	
Thur., 18 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 19 th Mar.	ST JOSEPH (S)	9.30am	Lynette Belch, RIP
Sat., 20 th Mar.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00pm	John & Bridie O'Brien
Sun., 21 st Mar.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 14 th Mar.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Ronald Lawrie, RIP
		11.00am	Miss Anusha Fernandez, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 15 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 16 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 17 th Mar.	St Patrick (F)	9.30am	Joshua Gallegos, RIP
Thur., 18 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 19 th Mar.	ST JOSEPH (S)	9.30am	Ronald Lawrie, RIP
Sat., 20 th Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 21 st Mar.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	9.00am	Ronald Lawrie, RIP
		11.00am	Maria & Isaiah Onyebuchi, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	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

Easter Flower Collection: This weekend we are having a 2nd Collection for the Easter Flower. Thank you for your generous support.

St Peter's Online Live Streaming:

Public worship at the parish are now being live-streamed online – Sunday Mass at 11.00 am; Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7.00 pm. You can join on this YouTube channel link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcqVz9i7ILtGAeoYrvur1zw>

Lenten Prayer/Reflection Week 4,

Tuesday March the 16th @ 7.30-8.30

pm: Zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81804517571>

?pwd=VzFXLzdEZitOVVRvMjIhMVVvWDFRZz09

Meeting ID: **818 0451 7571**

Passcode: **90BU0k**

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

We are approaching the end of the Tax year 2020/2021. If you no longer pay

income tax, please let us now. If we could claim the tax you paid whilst earning the offertory you have given to the church, please ask for a Gift Aid Declaration Form to be sent to you.

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.

On **Wednesday the 24th of March**, the Vigil of the Annunciation, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. On this month's **Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life**, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. **<https://www.facebook.com/events/725021905067267>**

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,
01707 262439; Email:
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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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