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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 5TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

“If any one serves Me, he must follow Me.” (Jn 12.26)

People follow the Lord for various reasons. It could be they are fans of His who admire Him or His teaching and want to identify superficially with Him, or because they see in Him the meaning and source of true life and are committed to Him. His true disciples are expected to be familiar with His Person and attitudes, thoughts and views, the things He said and did, His hopes and plans, and to mould their lives by His teaching (cf. Mt 7.21-24; Lk 13.25-27). He is a powerful inspiration and the force for their lives. They are as branches that are grafted to Him as to the vine (Jn 15.4-5). They abide in Him and live their lives in Him, and He lives in them (Jn 6.56). They hear Him and heed His voice when He calls, and so they follow Him (cf. Mk 1.16-20; 3.13-19; Mt 13.10-17; Lk 10.17-20). Like Mary (Lk 10.39), they sit at His feet and learn, taking in all He says, practicing all He teaches (Mt 13.11), loving one another (Jn 13.35), and striving to be like Him (Lk 6.40) until He can be formed in them (Gal. 4.19). Yet, this life of theirs does not shield them from temptations in this life. In fact, it exposes them to many challenges. But if by cooperating with His grace they persevere to the end, they will be saved (Mt 24.13). The true disciples of the Lord are thus people who are ready to suffer with Him; carrying their cross every day, they follow Him (Lk 9.23). They are the people who, He says, “have continued with Me in My trials” (Lk 22.28).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Jer. 31.31-34**; 2nd Reading: **Heb. 5.7-9**; Gospel: **John 12.20-33**.

Psalm: **Ps 50(51).3-4,12-15**: *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Glory to You, O Christ; You are the Word of God! Whoever serves Me must folle Me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will My servant be. Glory to You, O Christ . . .*

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 20th Mar.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Office, Week 1</i>	6.00am	John & Bridie O'Brien
Sun., 21st Mar.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 22 nd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Constantine & Theresa Maunganidze, RIP
Tue., 23 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Tatenda Maunganidze, RIP
Wed., 24 th Mar.	Lent Feria	7.30pm	Irene & James Collins, RIP
Thur., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION	9.30am	Michael & Kitty Creighton and Mary Taylor, RIP
Fri., 26 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	Nora V. Papra
Sat., 27 th Mar.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Holy Week</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 28th Mar.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 21st 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
Mon., 22 nd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 23 rd Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 24 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 25 th Mar.	ANNUNCIATION	7.00pm	
Fri., 26 th Mar.	Lent Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 27 th Mar.	Lent Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 28th Mar.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Holy Week</i>	9.00am	Intentions of Noreen Savage
		11.00am	Parishioners
		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

Easter Flower Collection: Thank you so much for your kind support last weekend.

Easter Programme:

Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palms & Gospel in back porch. No procession. Palms to be handed out after Mass.

Holy Thursday – Mass: SP – 6.30pm; MC – 7pm. No washing of Feet. No Altar of Repose. No Watching.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross: SP – 11am; MC – 12 noon. Passion ceremonies: SP – 3pm & 6pm; MC – 3pm. No Veneration of the Cross. Collection for the Holy Places.

Easter Vigil – SP: 7pm; MC: 7.30pm. No Easter Fire. No lighted candles. 3 OT readings with their psalms. 1 NT reading. Gospel. No Sprinkling of Water.

Easter Sunday – Mass: SP – 9am & 11am; STM – 9.30am; MC – 11am.

Easter Confessions: Please contact the Parish Clergy to arrange.

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 Wk 5: Tue. 23rd March, 7.30-8.30 pm: Zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82760453031?pwd=R0ZxeUR0ZGNpdmJNNTVjTTI3MEhyQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6045 3031

Passcode: n5j69h

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>**

Please pray for the peaceful of **Tatenda Maunganidze**, our sister Maria's nephew, who has died. Please also remember his mother, Maria, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

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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