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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.

+ PALM SUNDAY – YEAR B

“Offer the wicked no resistance.” (Mt 5.39)

The events that took place especially in the last week of Our Lord's earthly life, and that we re-live at Holy Week, marked the final contest between good and evil. At the end of the contest, good secured absolute and final victory over evil; love triumphed over hate, humility over arrogance and pride, gentleness over might, forgiveness over vengeance, life over death – not by a shot being fired or a punch thrown, either in self-defence or retaliation or aggression, but by the obedient suffering and endurance of the only Son in His humble submission to God's will (Heb. 5.8). The reason most people (including the apostles prior to the resurrection) got it wrong about the Lord was their failure to understand that the Christ would come, not in might or splendour, or by dominating the powers of the earth, but in His humility as the Suffering Servant (cf. Is 42.1-4; 49.1-6; 50.4-7; 52.13-53.12). It was indeed both necessary and God's will that He would suffer those things He suffered and so enter into His glory (Lk 24.26). And so, the Saviour did not resist all the ill-treatment He got that He did not deserve – the arrest, the show trial, the mockery, the blows and whips of the soldiers, the crown of thorns, the nails in His hands and feet, the cross, the agony and the death. He accepted all these, submitting Himself most humbly with filial affection to the Father's will. Harshly dealt with, He bore it humbly. “He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth” (Is 53.7). For that reason, God highly exalted Him, and gave Him the name that is above every name (Phil. 2.9).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

Gospel: **Mk 11.1-10**; 1st Reading: **Is 50.4-7**; 2nd Reading: **Phil. 2.6-11**; Gospel: **Mk 14.1-15.47**.

Psalm: **Ps 21(22).8-9,17-20,23-24**: *My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised Him high and gave Him the name which is above all names. Praise to You, O Christ . . .

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 27th Mar.		6.00am	
Sun., 28th Mar.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Holy Week</i>	9.30am	
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 29 th Mar.	Holy Week Monday	9.30am	Maurice (RIP) & Marlene Scally
Tue., 30 th Mar.	Holy Week Tuesday	9.30am	
Wed., 31 st Mar.	Holy Week Wednesday	7.30pm	
Thur., 1 st Apr..	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	F Eddie Matthews, RIP
Fri., 2 nd Apr.	Good Friday	3.30pm	Passion Ceremonies
Sat., 3 rd Apr.	Easter Vigil	7.30pm	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Sun., 4th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office, Easter Octave</i>	9.30am	
		(STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 28th Mar.	+ PALM SUNDAY <i>Office, Holy Week</i>	9.00am	Intentions of Noreen Savage
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 29 th Mar.	Holy Week Monday	9.30am	
Tue., 30 th Mar.	Holy Week Tuesday	9.30am	
Wed., 31 st Mar.	Holy Week Wednesday	9.30am	
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		6.00pm	
Sat., 3 rd Apr.	Easter Vigil	7.00pm	
Sun., 4th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office, Easter Octave</i>	9.00am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		11.00am	Maria Fernandez, Thanksgiving

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Sr Jo snd, Yvonne Stephens, 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 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/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.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12 noon, to be led by our children. All are welcome to join us.

Holy Places Collection: A collection to assist the Church in maintaining the holy places in Palestine will be taken during the Passion Ceremonies on Friday. Your generous support will be appreciated.

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, Holy Week:

Tuesday March the 30th, 7.30-8.30 pm:
Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 827 6045 3031

Passcode: n5j69h

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.

From 8pm until midnight on Maundy Thursday, 1 April 2021, everyone in our diocese is invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane:

<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

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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07710978770; 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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