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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 – 1030am

**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.

**+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*In His name, repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached to all nations. (Luke 24. 47)*

Last weekend we reflected on the necessity of the Sacrament of Penance that God in His graciousness had given us in the Lord. The Church that was given the sacrament administers it through its ordained ministers. At the confessional, the priest listens to penitents with the heart of the Lord, not to blame or condemn them for their sins (cf. Jn 8.3-11), but to lead them to an experience of the compassion the Father has for His 'prodigal' children (cf. Lk 15.11-24). Humbling and painful though it is, Confession is an experience of the love and mercy God has for sinners, an experience of the sinner's rehabilitation in love. God goes to great lengths to bring sinners back into His love (cf. Lk 15.1-7, 8-10). Naturally, He alone can forgive sin (Mk 2.7; Lk 5.21), not only because He is ultimately offended by every sin, but also because He alone can reach the conscience and cleanse it of guilt and the stain of sin; no human being or institution, no matter how richly endowed, naturally can. Yet, God has given to the Church that power to reach the conscience and cleanse it that He alone possesses (cf. Jn 20.21-23). It is in His name and by His power that the Church forgives sins through its priest. The priest is not interested in the person of the penitent kneeling or sitting or standing before him, or in what is being confessed. Besides, the sacrament is absolutely sacrosanct; that is, the priest is bound by 'Confessional Secrecy' and is forbidden, even at the cost of his own life, from disclosing to any one what transpired at the confessional, or using that information for any purpose outside that context. Everything that happens at the confessional ends in the confessional.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 3.13-15,17-19**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 John 2.1-5**; Gospel: **Luke 24.35-48**.

Psalm: **Ps 4.2,4,7,9**: *Lift up the light of Your face on us, O Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us. Alleluia!*

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

<b>Sat., 17<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 3</i>	<b>6.00am</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 18<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP
Mon., 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	St Alphege	9.30am	
Tue., 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	Easter Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr..	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	<b>St George</b>	9.30am	
Sat., 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	John Kelly, RIP
<b>Sun., 25<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Cheryl & Graham Williams
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maria Nicola

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 18<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Intentions of Seená & Family
		<b>11.00am</b>	Mr Jinadasa, RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
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Fri., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr.	<b>St George</b>	9.30am	
Sat., 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	Ss Erkenwald & Mellitus	10.30am	Tia and Melena Fernando, Birthday
<b>Sun., 25<sup>th</sup> Apr.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Thomas Flynn, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maureen, Jerry & Tom Kelly, RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**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

**MANY THANKS** to **Sydney Black Trust** through Philip Crabtree for a £500 donation to the parish to cover the charge of the organist, Max Lawrie, who played for the parish during the Easter Triduum. May the Trust be richly rewarded.

**Priest Training Fund:** Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-**

**stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15 May 2021 at 3.00pm:** The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk).

**Online Live Streaming:** 11am Sunday Mass: Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCqVz9i7ILtGAeoYrvur1zw>

**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.

**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.

**Hall Booking:** Enquiries to:  
**MC/STM:** Parish Secretary

**SP:** Parish Secretary

**Tea & Coffee:** After 11am  
Mass in both parishes.  
Please, join us.

**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:**

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**“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.*

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