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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.

+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

I am the Good Shepherd; I know My own and My own know Me. (John 10.11)

When the Bible speaks of knowing someone or something, it often uses the term ‘knowing’ in a sense that is much broader and deeper than saying that the person merely has accurate information about the object of that knowledge. The Bible also uses the term to convey the idea of someone entering into the personal space of another in a manner that is intimate and generative. It is in this sense that Adam (insofar as he could generate a new life with a woman) was said to ‘know’ his wife Eve and she conceived of Cain (Gen. 4.1). In its essence, God’s knowledge is communicative and creative. In knowing us God communicates His life to us, creating us and giving us existence, just as in knowing the rest of creation, He measuredly communicates Himself to it and brings it into existence. That is, God’s knowledge (which is absolutely perfect) brings things about, since in Him, knowing and willing and loving and creating are one and the same thing. Of the prophet Jeremiah, He says: *Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you* (Jer. 1.5). When it comes to us, one thing to recognise is the imperfection of our knowledge (1 Cor. 13.9); so, we totally lack the power to cause anything to exist by us knowing or willing it. We know God in Christ, not to cause Him to exist, nor simply to fill our minds with that knowledge of Him from which we can be detached, but precisely to enter into a communion of love with Him. This is the knowledge that the Scripture defines equivalently as eternal life (Jn 17.3). But we will not be able to know God in love at all without knowing ourselves in the Lord as we are known; this too is very vital for our salvation.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Acts 4.8-12**; 2nd Reading: **1 John 3.1-2**; Gospel: **John 10.11-18**.

Psalm: **Ps 117(118).1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29**: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Good Shoeherd, says the Lord; I know My own sheep and My own know Me. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 24th Apr.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 4</i>	6.00am	John Kelly, RIP
Sun., 25th Apr.		9.30am (STM)	Cheryl & Graham Williams
		11.00am	Maria Nicola
Mon., 26 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	Alphonsa George & George Kutty Chacko, RIP
Tue., 27 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas, RIP
Wed., 28 th Apr.	Easter Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 29 th Apr..	St Catherine of Siena	9.30am	
Fri., 30 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 1 st May.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 2nd May		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 25th Apr.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 4</i>	9.00am	Thomas Flynn, RIP
		11.00am	Maureen, Jerry & Tom Kelly, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 26 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 27 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 28 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 29 th Apr..	St Catherine of Siena	7.00pm	
Fri., 30 th Apr.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 1 st May.	Easter Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 2nd May	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 1</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Andrew Penman, Anniversary
		2.00pm	Kathe Mongan, 6-Month's Mind
		6.00pm	

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

Priest Training Fund: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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 ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at 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 5th, 10th,

25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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.

Online Live Streaming: 11am Sunday Mass: Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcqvZ9i7lLtGAeoYrvur1zw>

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:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
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MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

**“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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