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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.

+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

I am the vine; you are the branches. (John 15.5)

The powerful metaphor of the vine and its branches is used by Our Lord to explain the way He is related to us, and we are related to Him. Naturally, the vine pre-exists its branches, and the branches only grow out of the vine and on it, and they depend on it for everything, including their very existence and entire life. Through the vine, every branch has its being, and not a single branch exists except through Him (Jn 1.3). The vine can subsist without the branches, but the branches cannot subsist apart from the vine; without the vine, they are totally dead (Jn 15.6). The vine in our own case is not only a living being, but also a life-generating force, the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15.45); He gives life to anyone He chooses (Jn 5.21). Just as this vine is the source of all life, it is also the source of all fruitfulness and good action; without it, the branches are utterly sterile (Jn 15.4) . . . *for apart from Me, you can do nothing* (Jn 15.5). The vine from which the branches arise is the final end to which they tend, since *all things were created through Him and for Him* (Col. 1.16). In the vine alone do the branches all have their meaning and fulfilment. What all this means for us is that we do not, and cannot, live or exist, do anything, or live a meaningful life, apart from the Lord, the true Vine (Jn 15.1). We may not be conscious of it, let alone always, but it is only *in Him* that *we live and move and have our being* (Acts 17.28). As our entire life and existence, and its every single moment wholly depend on Him, so our principal task is that we be conscious of our total dependence on the Lord for everything, and that we let that consciousness determine all our life and actions in response to the reality of our utter dependence on Him.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Acts 9.26-31**; 2nd Reading: **1 John 3.18-24**; Gospel: **John 15.1-8**.

Psalm: **Ps 21(22).26-28,30-32**: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in Me, as I make Mine in you. Whoever remains in Me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 1st May	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 1</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 2nd May		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP
Mon., 3 rd May.	St Philip & James, Ap.	9.30am	Raynah Watson, RIP
Tue., 4 th May	The English Martyrs	9.30am	
Wed., 5 th May	Easter Feria	7.30pm	Carol's Cousin, RIP
Thur., 6 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 7 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 8 th May.	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 2</i>	6.00pm	John & Bridie O'Brien
Sun., 9th May		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP

ST PETER'S

Sun., 2 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	
Mon., 3 rd May.	St Philip & James, Ap.	9.30am	
Tue., 4 th May	The English Martyrs	9.30am	
Wed., 5 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	James Luis Baron, RIP
Thur., 6 th May	Easter Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 7 th May	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 8 th May.	Easter Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 9th May	+ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Office, Easter Week 2</i>	9.00am	Joaquim Wency Noronha, T/giving
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	
		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

Tuesday May the 4th is the **Annual Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**. Please join the Universal Church to pray for all in the world who have suffered various forms of abuse.

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic: Sunday May the 9th at Marychurch Hall, 12 noon – 3.00 pm. If you want to have the vaccine but have questions, please come along. There will be doctors on site who will be happy to speak to you.

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: **<https://zoom.us/j/99627319556>**
Passcode: **546617**

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 St Peter's and Marychurch are starting a Youth Club every Friday from 14th May. Initially the Youth Club will be online until Covid restrictions are lifted and will then take place at St Peter's Church Hall. We start at 5 pm for up to a 45 mins session.

This is a new initiative and our aim is to offer the youth in our parish the opportunity to have fun, play and learn in a safe environment. We will be running quizzes, show and tell, Simon Says, and many more games. There will be no charge when we run the Club online although there will be a small token charge when we start the programme in the Hall. This opportunity is only open to all Year 4 pupils. We have a limited number of places available online till we are able to open, and priority will be given to children who joined the online programme when we start in the hall.

Priest Training Fund: **Thank you** for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations**.

Online Live Streaming: 11am Sunday Mass: Youtube channel: **<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcqVz9i7lLtGAeoYrvur1zw>**

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:
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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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**“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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