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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.

+ EASTER SUNDAY

“It was early on the first day of the week and still dark.”
(John 20.1)

Our Lord's resurrection took place on the third day following His death, just as it was foretold by Himself and in prophecy (Mt 17.23; Lk 18.33; cf. Hos. 6.2). No one can tell the exact time and manner of the incident, since no one witnessed Him firsthand rising from the dead. Given this absence of an eye-witness, the significant differences we find in the four gospel accounts of the incident are understandable, and the darkness of that Easter morning when the incident was discovered to have taken place continues to pervade our knowledge of the way the resurrection actually occurred. What is indubitable, however, is the evidence of the 'empty tomb' (Jn 20.1-18), and of the fact that something extraordinary did happen that fateful Sunday morning in the tomb where Our Lord's Body had been laid. Even the staunchest adversaries of the Lord, the Jews, acknowledged that something extraordinary did take place, and they were swift in their attempt to cover it up (cf. Mt 28.11-15). We believers need not worry for not having absolute clarity about the manner Our Lord rose from the dead; the doubter is the person to explain: the post-resurrection appearances of the Lord to many eye-witnesses, on one occasion more than 500 of them at the same time (1 Cor. 15.5-8), His obvious transcendence over space and time (cf. Jn 20.19), the supernatural powers and the incredible courage and transformation of the disciples in their persons (Acts 4.1-22), the entire edifice of the Christian faith and life that is built on the reality of the Lord's resurrection (1 Cor. 15.12-34), and the consistent powerful Christian witness of the past 2,000 since that Easter morning.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 10.34,37-43; 2nd Reading: Col. 3.1-4; Gospel: Mk 14.1-15.47.

Psalm: Ps 118(117).1-2,16-17,22-23: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sun., 3 rd Apr.		6.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Sun., 4 th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office, Easter Octave</i>	9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Cecilia Hope McDonagh, RIP
Mon., 5 th Apr.	Easter Monday	10.00am	Margaret
Tue., 6 th Apr.	Easter Tuesday	9.30am	
Wed., 7 th Apr.	Easter Wednesday	7.30pm	
Thur., 8 th Apr..	Easter Thursday	9.30am	
Fri., 9 th Apr.	Easter Friday	9.30am	Fr Richard & Fr James, RIP
Sat., 10 th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office, Easter Week 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 11 th Apr.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Cecilia Hope McDonagh, 1 st Ann.

ST PETER'S

Sun., 4 th Apr.	+ EASTER SUNDAY <i>Office, Easter Octave</i>	9.00am	Zora Davidson, RIP
		11.00am	Maria Fernandez, Thanksgiving
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 5 th Apr.	Easter Monday	10.00am	Theresa Clements's Intentions
Tue., 6 th Apr.	Easter Tuesday	9.30am	Terry McKee, RIP
Wed., 7 th Apr.	Easter Wednesday	9.30am	Richard McKee, RIP
Thur., 8 th Apr..	Easter Thursday	7.00pm	
Fri., 9 th Apr.	Easter Friday	9.30am	Theresa Clements's Intentions
Sat., 10 th Apr.	Easter Saturday	10.30pm	John Davin's Intentions
Sun., 11 th Apr.	+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Office, Easter Week 2</i>	9.00am	
		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

St Peter's Online Live Streaming: The 11.00 am Mass in the parish is now being live-streamed online. You can join on this YouTube channel link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcqVz9i7ILtGAeoYrvur1zw>

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.

Catholic Ethos Advocate Circa £40k per annum (dependent upon skills, qualifications and experience, pro-rata where applicable). The Trustees of St Elizabeth's, Much Hadham Hertfordshire SG10 6EW are creating a new post to further, celebrate and promote the distinctive Catholic identity and ethos of the Centre. St Elizabeth's is a long established charity, (which has a school for 5-19 year olds; a College for 18-25 year olds and a Registered Children's Home and Care Home with Nursing for Adults), providing education, care and medical support on a 52-week basis of up to 200 people of all ages with learning disabilities and other complex medical needs, often caused or complicated by severe epilepsy and/or autism. To apply and to find out more information about St Elizabeth's, please visit our website: www.stelizabeths.org.uk or email recruitment@stelizabeths.org.uk.

Happy Easter
Everyone

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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