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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.

**+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* (John 15.13)

‘Love’ is a very emotive word everybody seems to ‘know’ what it is, and is happy to hear and to say it. To a whole lot of people, it is a *profoundly tender, passionate affection* that makes people feel good in themselves, and comfortable and happy with another, *a feeling of warm personal attachment* someone may experience either from or towards another. As a feeling, it can be positive or negative. Positively, it pulls people together and fosters their interpersonal relationships. Negatively, it can lead to self-absorption, infatuation, or obsession which is unhealthy for everyone. Love also evokes the idea of altruistic, practical concern someone has for another and is expressed through acts of compassion and kindness. In this sense, it is more than a feeling, and does not depend on how we feel; it is a choice we make concerning someone. It does not aim at our own wellbeing, but at that of another. It tends to be both sweet and bitter – sweet, because of the wellbeing it generates; bitter, for it comes at a cost, often a very huge cost. It may require the one who loves to endure great inconveniences and make very big sacrifices; but it also generates fulfilment in the one who freely and cheerfully loves. In Our Lord’s case, the cost included His most painful Passion and death on the Cross – a price that He paid of His own accord (Jn 10.18), and for people who were most undeserving of it (Rom. 5.6-8). This is the type of love that lasts, endures all things for the sake of the one loved (1 Cor. 13.4-8), and covers a multitude of sins (1 Pt 4.8). This is love that is as strong as death, and that no waters can quench (Song of Solomon, 8.6-7).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 10.25-26.34-35,44-48**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Jn 4.7-10**; Gospel: **Jn 15.9-17**.

Psalm: **Ps 97(98).1-4**: *The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him". Alleluia!*

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## MASS DURING THE WEEK

<b>Sat., 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 2</i>	<b>6.00am</b>	John & Bridie O'Brien
<b>Sun., 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP
Mon., 10 <sup>th</sup> May.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am	
		7.30pm	
Fri., 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>St Matthias, Apostle</b>	9.30am	
Sat., 15 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Raynah Watson, RIP
<b>Sun., 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>+ 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Office, Easter Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Irene & Kevin Tiahan, Anniversary
		<b>11.00am</b>	Joaquim Wency Noronha, T/giving
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 10 <sup>th</sup> May.	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	9.30am	Michael Anthony Doherty, RIP
Thur., 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	9.15am	<b>@ St Philip Howard Primary Sch.</b>
		7.00pm	
Fri., 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>St Matthias, Apostle</b>	9.30am	
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		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<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

**ASCENSION:** Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It is also a **Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be @ 9.30am and 7.30pm.**

**Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic:** Sunday May the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2021 Confirmation:** The programme will start **on Sunday June the 6<sup>th</sup>**. Applications will be accepted up to that date. Those who want to participate in the programme are therefore requested to send in their applications as soon as possible.

**Youth Ministry** St Peter's and Marychurch are starting a Youth Club every Friday from 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5pm 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.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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:  
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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

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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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