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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 – 10.30am

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.

+ 11TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

What God has joined together, let not man put asunder. (Mt 19.6)

The Church's teaching and practice on divorce and divorcees remarrying are based on the will of God taught by the Lord (cf. Mt 19.1-12). Responding to the question on the issues raised by the Pharisees, the Lord refers to God's plan from creation. Under that plan, God created the human species male and female (Gen. 1.27), and joining man and woman in marriage, He makes them one body (Gen. 2.24). Ruling out the exception for divorce in Moses' law as having absolutely no part in God's plan (Mt 19.8), the Lord then adds this stark warning: *What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder* (Mt 19.6). His teaching underlines these basic truths: (a) God – not any human being or institution – is the author of marriage; (b) in marriage, God constitutes a man and a woman one body, not two; (c) God's action in marriage is absolutely beyond any human determination, including that of the spouses themselves. Thus, a ratified and consummated marriage cannot be dissolved by anyone under any guise or for any reason, except by death. A person who likes divorce should not marry at all (Mt 19.10-12). A person in a difficult marriage can opt for separation (Can. 1151-1155), but not divorce. Following a strict canonical process, a marriage can be annulled only if it is shown to be invalidly constituted due to lack of free consent (Can. 1095-1107), the Pauline Privilege (Can. 1141-1150), or any of the diriment impediments listed in Canons 1083-1094. It makes no difference that the couple have lived together for years or got many children together. Once their marriage is annulled, the parties to it are totally free to marry validly.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Ezek. 17.22-24**; 2nd Reading: **2 Cor. 5.6-10**; Gospel: **Mk 4.26-34**.

Psalm: **Ps 91(92).2-3,13-16**: *It is good to give You thanks, O Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 12th June	+ 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00am	Theresa Hogan & Family
Sun., 13th June		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch, RIP
Mon., 14 th June	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 15 th June	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 16 th June	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 17 th June	Feria	9.30am	Adolf Kostka, RIP
Fri., 18 th June	Feria	9.30am	Elias & Noemi Gonsalves, RIP
Sat., 19 th June	+ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Elifigous Office Tanfumanei, RIP
Sun., 20th June		9.30am (STM)	Archbishop Paul Gonsalves
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 13th June	+ 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Pat Fitzgerald, RIP
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 14 th June.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 15 th June	Feria	9.30am	Private Family Intentions
Wed., 16 th June	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 17 th June	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 18 th June	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 19 th June	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 20th June	+ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Theresa Hogan & Family
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Clara Sakala, Sr Jo snd, Sheila Bailey, Martina Knightly, Adele Pym, Chido Chandisarewa, Anne Owens, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumanyi, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Larry Carolan, Michael MacPherson, Marie Anthony, Christine Donnelly, and Paul Donnelly.

NOTICES

DAY OF LIFE COLLECTION, 19/20

JUNE: Against the backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of ‘assisted suicide’ in our country. It is not a question of ‘if’ this challenge will come; it is now a question of ‘when.’ There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called ‘Assisted Dying’ and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons.

This year’s theme for ‘Day for Life’ focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

‘Day for Life’ adds an authenticity to our witness to the dignity of life and this is enabled by the generosity of people in supporting our work. In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual ‘Day for Life’ collection due to the pandemic; our funds are very much depleted and the threats to life have never been greater. ‘Day for Life’ is a simple practical response which pushes back against ‘the use and throwaway logic’ often at the heart of a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when ‘they no longer serve our interests.’ I know that it is difficult to take another second collection at this time, but the funds are important to support charities and projects which protect the good of life. The Day for Life website is

<https://www.dayforlife.org/>. Thank you.

MANY THANKS to **Minna Brown** for her kind donation of £800 for the purchase of a green altar frontal, and also for her donation of a Henry Hoover for the use of the Church.

We pray the good Lord to bless and reward her abundantly.

EPISCOPAL VISIT: Our Area Bishop, **Bishop Paul McAleenan**, wishes to be with us on the 3/4 of July weekend. He wants to come and personally thank all of us for all our fidelity, resilience, and contributions to the parish, especially during these most challenging times of the pandemic, and to encourage us to remain faithful in prayer. He will preside over the 6pm Mass on the 3rd and the 11am Mass on the 4th. Please join us to welcome him.

Add something creative to your prayer

life: Every week at least two people meet in the parish. They try to find ways to help the parish for the good of all. They sew, knit, chat, debate, make suggestions, get creative, recycle, re-make cards, do a bit of gardening, almost anything is considered and tackled with Father’s approval. So when you want to learn or pass on, please come along and join in parish life. Whenever you like! Whatever your age!

Youth Ministry: We are pleased to announce due to the success of the Youth Club we have more places for the St. Peter’s and Marychurch Youth Club and are now extending it to **Years 4, 5 and 6**. The club is currently running online until July when we can meet face to face at St. Peter’s Church Hall. We start at 5 p.m. for a 45 mins session. We have been running quizzes, games, show and tell and lots more. Feedback from the children has been extremely positive. For more information please contact Caroline, our Youth Work on: **hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk**

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,
01707 262439; Email:
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07402030680; Email:

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Planned Giving:

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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