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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.

+ 14TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

Is not this the Brother of James and Joset and Judas and Simon, and are not His sisters here with us? (Mk 6.3)

Before His last breath on the Cross, the Lord directed Mary His mother to take from then on John His disciple to be her son; likewise, He instructed John to take Mary to be his mother. Significantly, the Scripture adds: *And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home* (Jn 19.25-27). This double charge of a Man most certain of dying in a matter of minutes clearly expressed His love for the most important person in His life, that she be safe and well-cared for after His death. It also shows most clearly that at that point, He had no sibling at all, else how do we explain why He should entrust His dearest mother to a friend rather than to her own child (or children), or why the mother herself would readily move in with the friend, abandoning any other child of hers, or why her being entrusted to a friend was not protested by anyone, were she to have another child? The only plausible explanation is that the dying Lord was the only Child of His mother. In that case, who was *James the brother of the Lord* (Gal. 1.19), a pillars of the Church (Gal. 2.9) who presided over the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15.13,19)? We should point out that James identified himself only as the servant of 'the Lord Jesus Christ' (Jam. 1.1), not as the Lord's brother as some people called him. He was the brother of Jude (Jud. 1) and, with Joset, the son of Mary (Mt 27.56; Mk 15.40; 16.1) the sister of Our Lady and wife of Cleopas (Jn 19.25). It follows that the four brothers, James, Joset, Jude, and Simon (Mt 13.55-56), and their sisters (Mk 6.3) were in fact born of Mary the wife of Cleopas. They were not the Lord's siblings; they were only His closest relatives in Nazareth.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Ezek. 2.2-5**; 2nd Reading: **2 Cor. 12.7-10**; Gospel: **Mk 6.1-6.**

Psalm: **Ps 122(123): *Our eyes are on the Lord till He shows us His mercy.***

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him, He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 3rd July	+ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 4th July		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Kathleen Rhine + Lynette Belch, RIP
Mon., 5 th July	Feria	10.00am	Margaret & Philip Waterman, Thanksgiving
Tue., 6 th July	Feria	10.00am	
Wed., 7 th July	Feria	7.30pm	William Prendergast, RIP
Thur., 8 th July	Feria	10.00am	
Fri., 9 th July	Feria	10.00am	
Sat., 10 th July	Feria	2.00pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sun., 11th July	+ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	
		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners

ST PETER'S

Sun., 4th July	+ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Mahendran, Birthday
		11.00am	Bruno Fernando, 5 th Anniversary
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 5 th July	Feria	9.30am	James Louis Barron, RIP
Tue., 6 th July	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 7 th July	Feria	9.30am	James William & Rosary Mary, T/giving
Thur., 8 th July	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 9 th July	Feria	9.30am	Private Family Intention
Sat., 10 th July	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 11th July	+ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Mahendran & Taflin Prarthana, Thanksgiving
		11.00am	Parishioners
		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 Tapfumaneyi, Chris Harrison, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Michael MacPherson, Marie Anthony, Christine Donnelly, and Paul Donnelly.

NOTICES

2ND COLLECTION, today Sunday, the 4th of July: With the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on Tuesday the 29th of June, a 2nd Collection today is in support of the Missionary Society of St Paul. It will go to assisting the Society in training its future missionaries some of whom may end up ministering in our parish. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION, next Sunday, the 11th of July: A 2nd Collection will be taken next Sunday in support of the Pope's Mission around the world. With well over 60% of the world's population still waiting to be evangelised, the mission is both urgent and necessary and requires the combined efforts of all the faithful. So please be generous in your contribution next Sunday. Thank you.

2021 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all our children who will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 10th of July. Mass will be at 2pm.

EPISCOPAL VISIT: Our Area Bishop, **Bishop Paul McAleenan**, who is visiting us this weekend, the 3rd/4th of July. He is here to personally thank all of us for our fidelity and contributions to the parish during these most challenging times of the pandemic, and to encourage us to remain faithful to the Lord. He is presiding 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 whether you want to learn or pass on *new skills*, please come along and join in parish life. Whenever you like! Whatever your age!

Anniversary Lucky Ducks will need to be purchased by the 18th of July if you wish your number/s, to be included in the July Anniversary Draw. Please be generous in supporting this effort in the months to come, as you may be aware, funds have been severely depleted during the crisis. On sale after Sunday Mass at Marychurch every week. Thank-you.

Fr Francis will be going away on holiday on the 5th of July. Fr Julius Otoaye msp will help out during the period.

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 pm for a 45-min 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,
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MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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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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