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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.

+ 18TH SUNDAY – YEAR B

You seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. (John 6.26)

Everything Our Lord said and did has more than one level of meaning and significance. Underneath its surface meaning and import easily understood by the sensuous carnal person is usually something deeper and spiritual that is not readily apparent. For carnal persons, Our Lord's words and actions only pertain to earthly existence like food and drink (Rom. 14.17) and have no spiritual significance (1 Cor. 2.14). Their vision is limited to earthly life and revolves around satisfying their immediate desires and material needs. They do not open up themselves to the guidance of the Spirit. Thus the perception of those who ate the loaves the Lord gave them was all about material bread and how to satisfy their physical hunger. They failed to realise that the bread they ate which satisfied their immediate hunger was in fact a sign of the true Bread from heaven (Jn 6.32) – the Bread of Life (Jn 6.35) – which quenches the flames of passion, nourishes with grace all those who eat it, and prepares them for eternal life (Jn 6.50-51). They could not understand that *it is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail*, that *the words* Our Lord had spoken to them *are spirit and life* (Jn 6.63). On the other hand, being led by the Spirit, and walking also by the Spirit (Gal. 5.26), spiritual persons look beyond the apparent and see what lies beneath. They see that this life and everything in it are pointers to eternal life. They understand that behind and beyond the transient visible realities around them are the eternal realities to which they are called. For them, therefore, the Break that is broken, shared, and eaten is but the sign of the banquet of the eternal life of heaven.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Exod. 16.2-4,12-15**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 4.17,20-24**; Gospel: **John 6.24-35**.

Psalms: **Ps 77(78).3-4,23-25,54**: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 31 st July	+ 18 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 1 st Aug.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Parishioners
Mon., 2 nd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Alice Beckett, RIP & John, Wedding A.
Tue., 3 rd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Michael McLoughlin, RIP
Wed., 4 th Aug.	St John Vianney	7.30pm	
Thur., 5 th Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Fri., 6 th Aug.	The Transfiguration	9.30am	
Sat., 7 th Aug.	+ 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	John & Bridie Slean, RIP
Sun., 8 th Aug.		9.30am (STM)	Vera Conway & Kathleen Hamilton, RIP
		11.00am	Pierce & Joyce Cleere, T/Giving

ST PETER'S

Sun., 1st Aug.	+ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Micheal Burke & Family Intentions
		11.00am	Catherin Victor Kajar, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 2 nd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Tue., 3 rd Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 4 th Aug.	St John Vianney	9.30am	James Luis Barron, RIP
Thur., 5 th Aug.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 6 th Aug.	The Transfiguration	9.30am	Private Family Intention
Sat., 7 th Aug.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 8th Aug.	+ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	
		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, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Michael MacPherson, Marie Anthony, Christine Donnelly, and Paul Donnelly.

NOTICES

Altar Cloths and Tea Urns: The parish have in recent weeks received a number of generous donations for altar cloths and tea urns, should you wish to support/ fund these and other items in the parish please place your donation in the blue envelope at the back of church (including your parish number and date of donation to enable claim of gift aid, where appropriate). All donations will be accepted confidentially. Thank-you.

Pictures and Cushions: If you would like to purchase or sponsor an anniversary picture or cushion, please put your contact details and request in the suggestion box at the back of church.

Youth Ministry: The Youth Group would like to ask from the parish community for donations of games e.g. Chess, Dominoes, Uno, Guess Who, Puzzles or any other suitable games for children aged 8 and above. Please only donate if in full working order and/or complete set.

During the summer holiday the Youth Club will be running fun activities for the **current years 3, 4, 5 and 6 every Friday at 5pm in St Peter's Church hall.** Craft activities, cookery, games, and life saving skills will be offered. For more information please contact Caroline on hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk or phone 07557 819858.

NEW COVID GUIDELINE: From the 19th, the following guideline applies:

- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be reinstated beginning from November the 28th, the first Sunday of

Advent;

- The local situation will determine the level of restriction to be put in place;
- Mitigating measures will continue – wearing of masks while inside the church; sanitising hands on entering and on leaving the church; cleaning and properly ventilating the church;
- Opening the church all day for private prayers;
- Social distancing is no longer mandatory;
- Test, Track and Trace: Continued use of QR codes and contact cards;
- One-way system and movement no longer necessary; caution to be taken;
- Congregational singing to resume; the congregation to wear mask. From next Sunday, hymn books will return to the shelves;
- The services of Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Choir, and all the usual ministers at Mass will resume;
- Offertory Collection can now be taken the usual way;
- Physical Sign of Peace remains suspended;
- Holy Communion to remain under one kind and may be received on the tongue;
- Any number of people can attend the celebration of baptism, confirmation, wedding, funeral;
- Social and catechetical activities in person can resume.

Please return the hymn books to the shelves as you leave the church. Thank you.

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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SP: Seena Vadassery, Nonso
Ijezie, and Eric Chiejina; Ph:
07402030680; Email:
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Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
gilliansutton@rcdow.org.uk

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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