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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:**

20 mins before Mass

### **St Peter's**

#### **Sunday Masses:**

9am, 11am, 2pm, & 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:**

9.10am, Mon.-Fri.

## **+ 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR B**

***This is a hard saying; who can listen to it? And they drew back and no longer went about with Him.*** (Jn 6.60,66)

The gospel is typically uncompromising in its message and in the truth it teaches. It does not bend to suit anyone's wishes or interests or circumstances; of course, it is not meant to. It rather provides the stable and reliable standard for true life. Take it or leave it is the way it usually presents itself. To some people, at least some (if not most) of its precepts are very problematic, some are unreasonable in their demands, and yet some make no sense at all especially to those who are wise in their own eyes. For instance, to the wise Greek, to speak of a 'crucified Lord' was not only self-contradictory, but also mere folly, and to the pious Jew, it was a stumbling block (1 Cor. 1.23). Similarly, the Lord's teaching that we offer no resistance to the evil person but to turn the other cheek when we are struck on one (Mt 5.39-41) seems to go against our natural instinct to defend ourselves in self-preservation. When we consider the fact that human beings are short-sighted, that they hardly see the bigger picture and usually gravitate to what they perceive to have the potential to enhance their immediate wellbeing, it becomes easy to understand why people would find many aspects of the gospel unattractive, or even unreasonable. The call of faith, however, takes us to where neither our reason nor our natural instincts can reach. It helps us to look beyond our immediate environment and benefits and see the ultimate purpose of our lives and conduct. No one is capable of attaining that height of understanding on their own unless they are enlightened by the Spirit and drawn by the Father (Jn 6.44,69). Faith is thus wholly a free gift of God.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Josh. 24.1-2,15-18**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Eph. 5.21-32**; Gospel: **John 6.60-69**.

Psalms: **Ps 33(34).2-3,16-23**: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	<b>+ 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>6.00am</b>	
<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Elias & Noemi Gonsalves, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Victor Power, RIP
Mon., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Peter & Arthur Dorman, RIP
Tue., 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	<b>St Bartholomew</b>	9.30am	Michael & Hugh Dorman, RIP
Wed., 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Gertie & Charlie O’Kane, RIP
Fri., 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	St Monica	9.30am	Francesca Diana
Sat., 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	<b>+ 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	John & Alice Beckett, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	Sr Jo snd

## ST PETER’S

<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.</b>	<b>+ 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Office, Week 1</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	A. J. John, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
		<b>11.00am</b>	Don Thomas Jayakody & Mary Mendes, RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
Mon., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug.	Feria	9.30am	Private Family Intentions
Tue., 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	<b>St Bartholomew</b>	9.30am	Perry Burke’s Inentions
Wed., 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	St Monica	9.30am	Rosary Mary, Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat., 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	St Augustine	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>	<b>+ 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Office, Week 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Mercedes Albano, Anniversary
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Zoe O’Brien, Ray Hussey, 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

**A Massive Thank You** to Janet for the donation of the huge Sacred Heart picture from her later mother, **Kathleen Rhine**. The picture has been mounted on the wall over the Sacred Heart statue.

**Cleaning Rota:** We are planning to make a cleaning rota and need volunteers to sign up. If you would like to help, please put your name in the form at the back of the church. Thank you.

Anyone with **a house for short-term let** (or if you know of one), please let Pat O'Brien know on 07817132606 – Many thanks

Our sincere thanks to **Fr Julius Otoaye msp** for helping out these six weeks. He will be returning to Nigeria this Sunday to continue his ministry there. We wish him all the best.

**Fr Livie** will be away on his biannual holiday from the 24<sup>th</sup> till October the 7<sup>th</sup>. MSP priests in Oxford will provide cover.

**Lucky Duck Prize Claimed for July:**  
Please support this anniversary effort, for

ongoing repairs to the church. Treat someone you love, to a duck, before the 22<sup>nd</sup> August to be in with a chance to win in the months to come!

**Youth Ministry:** The Youth Club is now live in the hall ever Friday at 5 p.m. in St Peter's Church Hall. It is open for children aged 8-12. Craft activities, life-saving skills, cookery, and games will be offered. For more information please contact Caroline on [hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk), or phone 07557 819858

The Youth Group would like to ask from the parish community for donations of fabric and wool for our arts and craft (also knitting and crochet needles if you have any) and games e.g. 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.

*As you leave the church please remember to return to the shelf the hymn book you used. Thank you.*

**YOU CAN NOW MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
PARISH DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH ACCOUNT USING  
THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:**

***Account Name – WRCDT MARYCHURCH HATFIELD  
Bank – HSBC  
Sort Code – 40-05-20  
Account Number – 41266217***

**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,  
**01707 262439;** Email:  
**hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.o**  
**rg.uk**

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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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