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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.

+ 22nd SUNDAY – YEAR B

This people honour me only with lip-service, Mk 7:6

Something was new in the Law that God, through Moses was laying down for the Israelites as they readied to possess the promised land (Deut 4:2ff). Different from the law-codes of their neighbours, this one had special emphasis on respect for human dignity, especially that of the poor and the needy. In other such law-codes, nobles were classed higher than commoners, Freeborns had more privileges than slaves, but in Israel, every person was to have equal dignity and respect. The Pharisees and Scribes could not comprehend Jesus' mercy and compassion towards lowly people whom they, in turn, despised so much. This formed their main point of opposition to Jesus. They could not stomach Jesus eating with tax collectors, or even having one of them, Levi, in the ranks of his apostles, or forgiving the adulteress and so on. All those, do not belong to the exclusive class and are all classed as "sinners" by the Scribes and the Pharisees. In today's gospel, Jesus calls them "hypocrites". They pay God lip service but their hearts are far from him, they obey the law and observe the traditions to win themselves admiration. This motive; self-glorification, vitiates every good thing they perform. Jesus then addresses the crowd, eating with unclean hands, drinking with unclean vessels, does not make a person less unworthy before God. Every sin against God and neighbour begins from within a person. The second reading sums it up; pure, unspoilt religion is coming to the aid of widows and orphans and keeping oneself uncontaminated with worldly vices (Js. 1:27).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Deut 4:1-2,6-8**; 2nd Reading: **James 1:17-27**; Gospel: **Mk. 7:1-23**.

Psalm: **Ps 14(15).2-5**: *Thr just shall live in the presence of the Lord.*

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

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 28 th Aug.	+ 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	6.00am	Parishioners
Sun., 29th Aug.		9.30am (STM)	John & Alive Beckett, RIP
		11.00am	Sr Jo Snd
Mon., 30 th Aug.	Feria	10.00am	
Tue., 31 st Aug.	Feria	10.00am	Peg Cooke, RIP
Wed., 1 st Sept.	Feria	7.30pm	
Thur., 2 nd Sept.	Feria	9.30am	Fr John Milne, RIP
Fri., 3 rd Sept.	St Gregory the Great	10.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Sat., 4 th Sept.	+ 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 5th Sept.		9.30am (STM)	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 29th Aug.	+ 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 2</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	Mercedes Albano, Anniversary
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Parishioners
Mon., 30 th Aug.	Feria	9.15am	Private Family Intentions
Tue., 31 st Aug.	Feria	9.15am	
Wed., 1 st Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 2 nd Sept.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 3 rd Sept.	St Gregory the Great	9.15am	
Sat., 4 th Sept.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 5th Sept.	+ 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Maria Szymanska RIP
		11.00am	James Luis Borron, RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

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 late 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

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

We welcome and appreciate Fr Mark msp who is with us this weekend to provide cover.

The card shop in Hatfield is now closed, please consider telling family and friends about the wonderful cards and recycled items on sale at Marychurch every Thursday 9am till noon.

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 one hour at a cost of only £2. Lots of games and a tuck shop also available. Free session for every 10 attended. For more information please contact Caroline on hatfielddyouth@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.

There will be a Memorial Mass for my mother Kathleen Rhine and sister Lynette on Saturday 11th September at 12 noon for family and friends.. This will be followed at 1.30 p.m. with a buffet at Homestead Court Hotel Welwyn Garden City. For catering purposes please can you contact me if you can join us at the hotel. Janet 01707 883855

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 – WRC DT 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
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Ijezie, and Eric Chiejina; Ph:
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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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