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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.

+ 23RD SUNDAY – YEAR B

'He has done all things well'

The story of the deaf man reveals something deep about the ministry of Jesus. It's a touching story. It is often the case that deaf people get left out of what's going on, and so it is of tremendous significance that Jesus takes the time to notice this man, and takes him aside, apart from the crowd, to give him personal attention. Because he cannot hear or speak plainly, Jesus employs a practical strategy. He puts his hands in the man's ears and touches his tongue with spittle. (In those days people believed that spittle had a curative quality.) He looks up to heaven to show that it is from God that help is to come. Finally, he speaks the word – *ephphata*, "be opened" in Aramaic – and the man is healed. The way Jesus deals with this man shows us that he does not consider him to be just another *case*; he sees and treats him as a unique individual, recognizing the dignity that belongs to every human being by taking him aside and by communicating with him in a way he could understand. Jesus' compassion, therefore, extends to everyone. And it is a ministry with messianic overtones. Jesus' healing of the deaf man recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah who predicted that, when the Messiah comes, "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy" (Isa. 35:5,6, first reading). Jesus' actions bring to remembrance those words and, in the next chapter of Mark's gospel, they will inspire Peter to confess that Jesus is indeed the long-awaited "Messiah" (Mark 8:29). In Mark's gospel, this knowledge is to remain secret until the time is right, but here we see that Jesus' presence in Tyre "could not escape notice" (7:24) and then, even though he urges the crowd to keep silent about the healing of the deaf man, "the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it" (7:36). There is no hiding the revelation of Jesus, though it can be perceived only by faith. He has indeed, done all things well

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Isaiah 35:4-7**; 2nd Reading: **James 2:1-5**; Gospel: **Mk. 7:31-37**.

Psalm: **Ps 145(146):7-10**: *My Soul, give praise to the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 4 th Sept.	+ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	6.00am	
Sun., 5th Sept.		9.30am (STM)	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
		11.00am	Stephen Currie. 50 th Btday Tksgiving
Mon., 6 th Sept.	Feria	10.00am	Ann Beckett
Tue., 7 th Sept.	Feria	10.00am	
Wed., 8 th Sept.	Nativity of the BVM	7.30pm	
Thur., 9 th Sept.	Feria	9.30am	
Fri., 10 th Sept.	Feria	10.00am	
Sat., 11 th Sept.	+ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 4</i>	6.00pm	Kathleen Rhine & Lynette Belch
Sun., 12th Sept.		9.30am (STM)	Lucia Pentone
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 5th Sept.	+ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 3</i>	9.00am	Maria Szymanska, RIP
		11.00am	James Luis Baron, RIP
		2.00pm	Travellers
		6.00pm	Sajan Jose, Birthday Tksgiving
Mon., 6 th Sept.	Feria	9.15am	
Tue., 7 th Sept.	Feria	9.15am	
Wed., 8 th Sept.	Nativity of the BVM	9.30am	Carolyn Savage. Btday Tksgiving
Thur., 9 th Sept.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 10 th Sept.	Feria	9.15am	Mervyn Verma, RIP
Sat., 11 th Sept.	Feria	10.30am	Sajan & Seena, 14 th Wedding Ann.
Sun., 12th Sept.	+ 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Office, Week 4</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	
		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

Cleaning Rota: Janet is planning a cleaning rota and we still need more 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.

We are also planning a rota for readers soon. Let me know if you wish to be included and to which of the masses. Also calling for new volunteers to read and to help with the garden.

As you may know, Fr Livie is leaving the parish towards the end of October. We are planning a farewell/thank you party for him and will organize a collection for him from 12th of September. If anyone can help with this, please contact Linda Graham on 07768777768

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

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.

There will be a second collection next Sunday, 12th Sept. for Catholic Education Service.

The Youth Group is now up and running and offering a wide variety of activities for children ages 8 – 12. Start

time is 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall every Friday 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 07557 819858 or email hatfieldyouth@rcdow.org.uk.

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 – 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,
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hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.o
rg.uk

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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