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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:**

Tue., Wed., Fri.: 9.30am;  
Mon.: 7.00pm

#### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Mass: As Announced.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Fri.: 10am – 10:30am

### **St Peter's**

#### **Sunday Masses:**

9am, 11am, 2pm, & 6pm

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Tues., Wed., Fri: 9.30 am  
Thur.: 7pm; Sat.: 10.30am

#### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Mass: As Announced.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sat. 11.00 am – 11.30 am

## **+FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YR C**

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming: *'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'* The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives. As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11).

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Jer 33:14-16**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Thess 3:12-4:12**; Gospel: **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**. Psalm: **Ps 24(25):4-5, 8-9,10,14**: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia! Ps 84:8.*

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	<b>+ FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Geraldine De Laubenque, RIP
<b>Sun., 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Emily & George Waterman, RIP
Mon. 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Feria	7.00pm	John & Monica Ndi, RIP
Tue., 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>St Andrew</b>	9.30am	Private Intention
Wed., 1 <sup>st</sup> DEC.	Feria	9.30am	Isaiah Khan Ndi, RIP
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> DEC.	Feria	NO Mass	No Mass
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> DEC.	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	9.30am	Bill & Raynah Watson, RIP
Sat., 4 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	<b>+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> DEC.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Sis Dorothy Brown, RIP

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 28<sup>th</sup> NOV.</b>	<b>+ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Monica Koziara's intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Deceased membs of Rentuma fam
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Feria	N Mass	No Mass
Tue., 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>St Andrew</b>	9.30am	James Durkin, RIP
Wed., 1 <sup>st</sup> DEC.	Feria	9.30am	Mary Nevin, RIP
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> DEC.	Feria	7.00pm	Paulin Hayes intention
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> DEC.	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat., 4 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	10.30am	Patricia Watson
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> DEC.</b>	<b>+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Eugen Barn
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Charlie Ward

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Ray Hussey, Clara Sakala, Sr Jo snd, Martina Knightly, Adele Pym, Chido Chandisarewa, Anne Owens, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Katie Shannon, Patricia Dee, Michael MacPherson, Maria Campbell, Christine Donnelly, Paul Donnelly and Nora Ding.

## NOTICE

**NEW PARISH PRIEST INDUCTION:** The Induction ceremony of Fr Agbor as our new parish priest will take place on Dec the 10<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Paul has agreed to officiate a 7pm mass at St Peters Church to mark this very important canonical event. Put the date and time in your diary. We need volunteers to donate soft drinks for the evening. Contact Fr Francis asap if you wish to help.

**ADVENT: PENITENTIAL SERVICE/CONFESSION:** This will take place at Maychurch on **3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 6:30pm** and **St Peters on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 12pm.**

**Request for lift to Mass:** Leela De Run, who is 87 desires to attend mass on Sundays but requires transport. She lives at 41 Wellfield Road. If you can help, contact Leela on 01707551390 or 07926883639 and let the secretary know.

**GIFT AID:** The pandemic brought the world to its knees. Recovery is a long way off, but we keep trusting God. In the spirit of this trust, prayerfully think about the parish finances and see if/how you can assist. You can *Gift Aid* your offering. If you pay UK income tax, this would increase the value of your giving by 25%. Gift Aid forms and offertory envelopes are available as you enter/exit the church. You could fill in a Banker's Order form instead for online giving. Gillian Sutton can explain further. Thank you.

**Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a children's mass at the 11 a.m. mass – we very much welcome all the children for this advent service.

**APPRECIATION:** Pauline, St Peters Parish secretary would like to thank all those who donated to her Just Giving page for Mary's Meals and also for the cash donations. A total of £260 was raised. The overall total raised in 2021 has now reached £1,876 which is an

amazing achievement despite the challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Mary's Meals team sincerely express their appreciation for your amazing support in these challenging times. Please see the notice board for full details and forthcoming event.

**Evening of Recollection** for women: Spiritual refreshment to prepare for Christmas! **WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER,** 7-9 pm. Meditations, Benediction, Confessions- Father Nicholas Morrish For more info contact Teresa: 07599 075 367.

**CHURCH KEY UPDATE:** We would like to update the list of who has what key to the various facilities in the Parish. If you have key(s) therefore, please inform the secretary as to which key you have before the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. (Do not presume she knows please).

**Synodal Pathway:** The synodal pathway proposed by Pope Francis has since started its preliminary consultations. Our Parishes need at least two volunteers to represent us at the diocesan level. If you think you can do this, have a chat with the priests asap.

**Create and Donate:** Please make a 9.5 inch by 18inch rectangle in knitting or crochet. This task will enable a child to sleep better at night; so many children in various parts of the world need a head covering as the nights are so bitterly cold. Our target 100+ Childrens hats.(oversized hats will be made up for the homeless. Anyone free on Thursday morning can pick up a pack that includes a pattern and wool, from the hall, join us for coffee, in support or help to make them up and see the progress we have made. **Lord you have need of my hands.**

*Please 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.

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**SP:** Tue., Thur., Fri.: 9.30am-  
1.30pm

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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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