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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

**+3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YR C**

"Rejoice: The Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament. Today is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. **The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice."** Rose vestments are worn to **emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.** **John the Baptist in the Gospel summons each person to prepare a suitable passage way for the coming Son of God. For as he journeyed to Bethlehem to be born physically, now to the end of time, he comes to the human soul, the spiritual Bethlehem, there to be reborn again and again.** But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices. This is the reason the Baptist like Isaiah compares the journey of Christ to our souls with rough, crooked and seemingly impassable pathways. Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Zeph. 3:14-18**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Phil. 4:4-7**; Gospel: **Luke 3:10-18** .

Psalm: **Isaiah 12: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.. Alleluia! Is. 61:1 (Lk. 4:18).**

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun., 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC.</b>	<b>+ 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parishioners
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>St Lucy</b>	7.00pm	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Tue., 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>St John of the Cross</b>	12.30pm	Funeral of Sheilla & Edward Baily
Wed., 15 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 16 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	9:30am	Mass of Induction with Bishop Paul
Fri., 17 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	<b>Feria</b>	9:30am	
Sat., 18 <sup>th</sup> DEC.		<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun., 19<sup>th</sup> DEC.</b>	<b>+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Maurice Ashwell. RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 12<sup>th</sup> DEC.</b>	<b>+ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>St Lucy</b>	11.00am	Funeral Mass. Dorothy Hall
Tue., 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>St John of the Cross</b>	9.30am	Dorothy Hall, RIP
Wed., 15 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	9.30am	Van
Thur., 16 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	7.00pm	Dorothy Hall, RIP
Fri., 17 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	9.30am	Deceased membs of Rentuma family
Sat., 18 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	Feria	10.30am	Maja Eliasik. RIP
<b>Sun., 19<sup>th</sup> DEC.</b>	<b>+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Margaret Bernard, RIP
		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**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

**APPRECIATION:** The induction ceremony was a huge success. Thanks to all the kind parishioners who volunteered to plan it, those who donated drinks, those who cooked and made cakes and sweets. The community spirit was evident. Covid will not break us any further (Even as we continue to be careful and conscious of each other's safety). Thank you sounds inadequate, but for want of better words, we say THANK YOU ALL.

**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.

**Funeral:** Dorothy HALL

Funeral to be held on Monday, 13 December 2021 at 11 am in St Peters.

Due to the new Covid variant causing new concerns, the family has decided to not go ahead with the planned wake at the Hatfield Bowling club.

**INDUCTION MASS:** Our Area Bishop, Bishop Paul McAleenan has agreed to squeeze into his busy schedule, a mass of induction for our new parish priest. This will take place on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 9:30am. We know its working hours, but please, attend if you can, and those who cannot, we shall be thinking of you. There will be a brief tea and coffee session after mass.

**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. (Great response so far; 70 hats achieved). **Lord you have need of my hands.**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** There will be a general Church cleaning session for Christmas on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am. All help are welcome.

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWER:** We are taking donations for Christmas flowers. A retiring collection today and next Sunday for this purpose. Your generosity is always appreciated.

**FUNERAL:** The late Edward and Sheila Baily will be laid to rest on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Their funeral mass will hold at Marychurch at 12.30pm. Burial at Lawn cemetery afterwards.

**APPRECIATION:** The Parish secretary, Yvette wishes to say a massive thank you to all those who sponsored her walk over hot coal. She was able to raise over 400 pounds for Isabel Hospice. Thank you.

*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 – WRCDT MARYCHURCH HATFIELD*

*Bank – HSBC*

*Sort Code – 40-05-20*

*Account Number – 41266217*

**THANK YOU**

**Baptism:** See Parish Priest.  
Preparation obligatory

**Confessions:**

**MC/STM:** Saturdays 5.30 – 5.50 and on request;  
**SP:** Saturdays 11am – 11:30 and on request.

**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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**MC/STM:** Wed - Fri.:  
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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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