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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

+4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YR C

Today is the third of the Antiphons, *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse). Christ the King, the Lord! Divine Wisdom, Adonai, the powerful God, is at the same time man with flesh and blood of the house of Jesse, the father of King David. Truly, the right of kingship has now passed from the house of David. The glory that once clothed the royal family has faded and withered, leaving only a blighted and withered root. But from this root is to spring a glorious blossom, the King of the world. "He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Before Him the Ethiopians shall fall down and His enemies shall lick the ground. The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents: the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall serve Him" (Ps. 71:8-11). To Him God has said, "Thou art My Son. . . . I will give Thee the Gentiles for Thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession" (Ps. 2:7 f.). In the words of Fr. Phil Bloom, I enjoin us: "This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honour of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar".

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Micah 5:1-4**; 2nd Reading: **Heb 10:5-10**; Gospel: **Luke 1:39-45**.

Psalm: **79(80):2-19**: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.* **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: lety what you have said be done to me.. Alleluia! Lk 1:38.**

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 18 th Dec		6.00pm	
Sun., 19TH DEC.	+ 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.30am (STM)	Maurice Ashwell. RIP
		11.00am	
Mon. 20 th Dec.	Feria	7.00pm	Family & Friends of Josie Ashwell
Tue., 21 st Dec.	Feria	9.30am	Nora Ding
Wed., 22 nd Dec.	Feria	9.30am	Barry & Anne Holloway. RIP
Thur., 23 rd Dec..	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 24 th Dec.	Feria	5:00pm	Kathlenn O'Brien. RIP
Sat., 25 th DEC.	+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Stm:Bill/Raynah Watson.MC:Ron Thomas. RIP
Sun., 26th DEC.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 19th DEC.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	Margaret Bernard. Anniversary
		11.00am	Arthen Taflin Mahendrin
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Giulio & Sara Pipe.
Mon., 20 th Dec.	Feria	No Mas	
Tue., 21 st Dec.	Feria	9.30am	Seena Vandasser & Family
Wed., 22 nd DEC.	Feria	9.30am	Noreen Savage Intention
Thur., 23 rd DEC.	Feria	7.00pm	Joseph Perekatt. RIP
Fri., 24 th DEC.	Feria	8pm/10pm	
Sat., 25 th DEC.	Christmas Day	9&11 am	9:TonyCasey. 11:Roshan & Gami.
Sun., 26th DEC.	+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Cath Hogan. Anniversary.
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

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

CHRISTMASS PROGRAMME:

Marychurch

Christmas Eve, 24th: 5pm. Christmas Day 11am Marychurch. Feast of St Stephen Sunday 26th: 11am. No further Masses until New Year's Eve 5pm Marychurch. New Year's Day 10 am. Sunday 2nd January 11am.

St Thomas More. Christmas Eve: 9:30pm Carols and Mass. Christmas Day, 9:30am. 26th St Stephen, 9:30am. Sunday 2nd Jan 2022, 9:30am

St Peters.

Christmas Eve, 24th: 8pm & 10pm (Carols and Mass). Christmas Day: 9am & 11am. Feast of St Stephen Sunday 26th: 9am, 11am and 6pm. No further Masses until

New Year's Eve 10pm St Peters. New Year's Day 11am St Peters. Sunday 2nd January 9am 11am and 6pm.

APPRECIATION: The induction mass last Thursday was a success. Attendance was low, but that was expected given the time and the day. But to those made it, Fr Agbor wishes to say a big thank you. We prayed for those who could not make it. We also appreciate Bishop Paul and Fr Nobert for making the time to be with us at Marychurch.

APPRECIATION: The Live Christmas tree was donated to the parish from the Dutch Nursery. The Parish Priest and the entire parish community wish to say a massive thank you to the Hen's for this generosity.

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.

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 18th 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.

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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**"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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