

**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

+SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YR C

“Prepare a way for the Lord”. The second and third Sundays of Advent centre on John the Baptist; the precursor, preparing the way for Jesus. John came to prepare a community of repentance who would be ready for the Messiah. This was to be a community not of those who went around moping about their sinfulness, but a community of those who had changed their ways and their whole system of values and priorities. The Hebrew concept (metanoia) which he proclaimed was a matter of turning round and going in the opposite direction. To be ready for the Messiah meant – and still means – such a radical change of attitude. John himself had prepared by going out into the desert, for the Messiah was to come striding across the desert, as did Israel at the exodus (Bar. 5:1-9). John’s clothing and his whole way of life showed his rejection of current materialism and his single-minded dedication. It is not primarily a negative point of view, for his quotation of Baruch (as in today’s first reading) or of Isaiah (40:3-8) shows that the flattening of the hills and the filling of the valleys is a preparation for the Kingdom of Peace and Justice. Pope Benedict XVI says it this way, “Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The ‘voice’ of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” Let us therefore “turn ourselves from all our transgressions that iniquity shall not be our ruin” (Eze. 18:30), and we be in such a frame and temper as that Christ might be welcome to us and we to him. Amen.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**; 2nd Reading: **Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**; Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6**.

Psalm: **Ps 125 (126): *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.***

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! Lk 3:4,6.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 4 th Dec	+ 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	Clara Sakala. Gods healing grace
Sun., 5TH DEC.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Sis Dorothy Brown, RIP
Mon. 6 th Dec.	Feria	7.00pm	Clara Sakal. Gods healing grace
Tue., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	
Wed., 8 th DEC.	Immaculate Conceptn	7:00pm	
Thur., 9 th DEC.	Feria	NO Mass	No Mass
Fri., 10 th DEC.	Feria	7:00pm	Mass of the Induction at St Peters
Sat., 11 th DEC.	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 12th DEC.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 5th DEC.	+ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT. YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	James Luis Barron, RIP
		11.00am	Eugene Barn
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	Charlie Ward, RIP
Mon., 6 th Dec.	Feria	N Mass	No Mass
Tue., 7 th Dec.	St Ambrose	9.30am	Benita Ledama
Wed., 8 th DEC.	Immaculate Conceptn	9.30am	Kiran Pereicatt. Birthday Thanksgiving
Thur., 9 th DEC.	Feria	12:30pm	Funeral Mass
Fri., 10 th DEC.	Feria	7:00pm	Holy Souls, All Saints, Thanksgivig
Sat., 11 th DEC.	Feria	10.30am	Elizabeth Griffin, RIP
Sun., 12th DEC.	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	
		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

NEW PARISH PRIEST INDUCTION: The Induction ceremony of Fr Agbor as our new parish priest will take place on Dec the 10th. 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.

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.

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.

Funeral: Dorothy HALL
Funeral to be held on Monday, 13 December 2021 at 11 am.

All are welcome to join the family at the Bowls Club in College Lane, Hatfield at 12.30

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 10th of December. (Do not presume she knows please).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: For the solemnity, there shall be a 9:30 am mass at St Peters and 7 pm mass at Marychurch.

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. (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. Your generosity is always appreciated.

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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**"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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