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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

+SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY- C

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states: "The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. Happy Feast Day to all Families as we work hard to constantly imitate the Holy family of Nazareth. Amen.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **1Sam 1:20-22;24-28**; 2nd Reading: **1Jhn 3:1-2,21-24**; Gospel: **LK 2:41-52**.
 Psalm: **79(80):2-19**: *They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord..*
Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!
Acts 16:14.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 25 th Dec	+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 26th DEC.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners.
		11.00am	All Families. Grace and peace.
Mon. 27 th Dec.	St John the Evang.	7.00pm	No Mass
Tue., 28 th Dec.	The Holy Innocents	9.30am	No Mass
Wed., 29 th Dec.	St Thomas Becket	9.30am	No Mass
Thur., 30 th Dec..	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 31 st Dec.	Feria	5:00pm	Michael Fennesseys
Sat., 1 st Jan, 22.	+ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	10.00am	Special Intention
Sun., 2nd Jan, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 26th DEC.	+ SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Cath Hogan. Anniversary.
		11.00am	Edwin & Prescilla. Wed Anniv.
		2.00pm	No Mass
		6.00pm	All Families. Grace and peace.
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Thur., 30 th DEC.	Feria	7.00pm	No Mass
Fri., 31 st DEC.	Feria	10.00pm	
Sat., 1 st Jan, 22.	Mary Mother of God	11.00am	
Sun., 2nd Jan, 2022.	+ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	Special Intention
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	No Mass
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Ray Hussey, Clara Sakala, Sr Jo, 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 Parish priest and the entire parish community wish to appreciate in a special way all those who volunteered in one category or another in the church during the course of this year. Those who made time to clean the church week after week, the readers, servers, hospitality, health and safety, counters, stewards, sacristan, members of the parish council and finance committee. Without your help, things would have worked out quite as they did. May God strengthen you to do even more in the coming year. Amen.

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.**

APPRECIATION: This is to say a massive thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flower fund. Your help is much appreciated. We appreciate also in a special way those parishioners who made time to clean and decorate the church for the festivities.

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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