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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

+2ND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY-YR C

“Where is God? Does God really care about me? How could God possibly know what we have to suffer?” These are questions that we may ask sometimes, especially in moments of pain. The answer to these questions is, “God does really care, God is closer than your own heart and God does indeed understand your suffering.” Christ in the house of his parents. In 1850 John Millais (1829-1896) painted a picture of Jesus working in Joseph’s carpentry workshop, entitled Christ in the House of His Parents. Jesus had given himself a bad gash in his finger and blood streamed down onto his feet. Mary was there comforting him. Although only an imaginary incident, it portrays very well that Jesus was human, and understands our pain. It depicts very well what John means in today’s Gospel, ‘The Word became flesh.’ Why? Because God does care. God had absolutely no need to become one of us but did so to convince us how much we mean to him. Think about how much you mean to God! You mean so much to God that God became a human, just to convince you, and if that isn’t enough to convince you, Jesus died for you. What more can God do to convince you he cares about you? The word the evangelists use when they say Jesus loved someone is the verbal form of agape. We are told that Jesus loved the following people: the rich young man (Mark 10:21); Martha, Mary and Lazarus (John 11:5); Lazarus (John 11:3,36); one of the disciples (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7,20). Paul, in the Letter to the Ephesians, talks of Jesus’ love for us: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (Eph 5:2); the love of Christ surpasses knowledge (Eph 3:18-19); Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her (Eph 5:25). We see Jesus’ great love for his mother as he was dying on the cross when he asked his close friend and disciple John to look after her (John 19:25-27).

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Ecc. 24:1-2,8-12**; 2nd Reading: **Eph. 1:3-6,15-18**; Gospel: **Jhn 1:1-18**.

Psalm: **147:12-15,19-20**: *The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia! 1Tim 3:16.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 1 ST Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	Special Intention.
Sun., 2nd Jan, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	
Mon. 3 rd Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	
Tue., 4 th Jan.	Feria	10.00am	
Wed., 5 th Jan.	Feria	10.00am	
Thur., 6 th Jan.	Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am	
Fri., 7 th Jan.	Feria	10.00am	
Sat., 8 th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	Special Intention
Sun., 9th Jan, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Special Intention
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 2nd JAN.	+ 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	Special Intention
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	No Mass
		6.00pm	Elwina. Birthday Thanksgiving
Mon., 3 rd Jan.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 4 th Jan.	Feria	9.15am	
Wed., 5 th Jan.	Feria	9.15am	Pat and Olive Malsher's intention
Thur., 6 th Jan.	Epiphany of the Lord	7.00pm	Anthonia Loh. Birthday Tksgiving
Fri., 7 th Jan.	Feria	9.15am	Russell Sinfield. RIP
Sat., 8 th Jan.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 9th Jan, 2022.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	Special Intention
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travellers, Living & Dead.
		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

HAPPY NEW YEAR: IT is with joy in our hearts and gratitude to God that we welcome everyone to this brand new year. May great and wonderful new things happen to us all in 2022.

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.

MASS TIMES: Have a look at the temporary changes to weekday mass times. Fr Agbor is getting a few days holiday and only Fr Francis will be available for weekday masses during this period, hence the changes.

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.

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 – 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: 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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