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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

**+3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C**

The Book of Nehemiah focuses on the re-establishment of the Hebrew people after their return from Babylonian exile. During the 70 years of exile, they had developed a life style based on the law and guided by the Sabbath, circumcision and ritual food. This marked their difference, not only from the Babylonians but also from the remnants in Judea after captivity happened. When Babylon was defeated by the king of Persia and Israel was allowed to return home, only those passionate for the Lord in this form returned. Others stayed back in the more comfortable life in exile. Ironical, it might sound, but Gods people chose comfort than to return and undertake the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Those who returned however, were given the enablement of God's spirit to undertake the rebuilding. In the Gospel today, this same spirit is enabling Christ to bring the good news to the poor. This spirit was gifted to the early Christian communities as evident in the Acts of the Apostles which enabled them to keep the light of the Kingdom aflame. St Paul in the second reading enumerates what God does in the lives and among his chosen people through the spirit enablement. To guard against any individual member being led astray by pride due to their giftedness, St Paul likens the spiritual reality to the human body where no part is more important than another, as no one can function fully without the other. In this body of Christ, the Church, every member is entrusted with a unique gift, role, and no one's role is more or less important than another's. Those disciples who were entrusted with talents (Mtt 25:14-15), were not given more or less amount as they were given peculiar talents. What have you been given to work with? This could be in the form of material blessings, circumstances, natural talents, or extraordinary graces.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Cor 12:12-30**; Gospel: **Lk. 1:1-4;4:14-21**.

Psalm: **Ps 18(19):8-10, 15**: *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia! Lk 4:18.*

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Paul Odumegwu Nduka, RIP
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Francis De Sales</b>	7.00pm	Fergal Nolan
Tue., 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	9.30am	Deidre Creighton. RIP
Wed., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Sts Timothy and Titus</b>	9.30am	Nora Ding. Gods Healing
Thur., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	9.30am	Russell Holloway
Sat., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Sylvia Banister RIP
<b>Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Les James Flaherty

### ST PETER'S

<b>Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> JAN.</b>	<b>+ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Pat & Olive Malsher's Intention
		<b>11.00am</b>	Tom & Patrick Ward. Gods Healin
		<b>2.00pm</b>	All Travellers
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Students of UH
Mon., 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>ST Francis de Sales</b>	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	9.30am	Ishanka Fernando's Intention
Wed., 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	9.30am	Marion Miller RIP
Thur., 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	7.00pm	Cynthia Payne. RIP
Fri., 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	9.30am	Timothy Wilkinson. RIP
Sat., 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	<b>Feria</b>	10.30am	Private Intention
<b>Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	Terry & Richard McKee. 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, Martina Knightly, 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

**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.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** If you have a family member, neighbour, or know any parishioner who is sick and housebound and the name is not included in the list on the newsletter, inform the secretary or the priest asap. It has come to our notice that some people are missed in the communion visits and we would want this handled immediately.

**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.**

**REPOSITORY SHOP:** The parish community is in search of a volunteer whould manage the small repository shop where we have some articles of faith for parishioners and visitors to buy. Yvone Stephens have looked after the shop for a good while and would want someone to take over this responsibility. We thank her for the great service and look forward to a new person taking this on.

**YOUTH CLUB:** The Youth Group in St Peters is back up and running every Friday from 5 to 6pm for children aged 8 to 12 years old. Games, crafts and drama to suit all children. For more inquiries, please contract Caroline on 07557819858.

**STEWARDS:** We need new stewards to join those who have been helping since the start of the pandemic. We are not over the worst of the pandemic unfortunately. Thus, we need stewards who would ensure social distancing is maintained at all masses, ensure people wear masks before entering the church and while in church, except those who are exempt.

*Please, help 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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**MC/STM:** Wed - Fri.:  
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**SP:** Tue., Thur., Fri.: 9.30am-  
1.30pm

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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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