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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

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THE MEANING OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The Holy Spirit comes down upon him like a dove, the same Spirit that hovered over the formless reality in Gen 1:12 during the first creation and the voice of the Father is heard. Thus, the event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. The Eastern Churches call today's feast Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. Joseph Ratzinger wrote: *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'*.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Isa. 40:1-5, 9-11**; 2nd Reading: **Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**; Gospel: **Lk. 3:15-22.**

Psalm: **28(29)1-4,9-10: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia! Lk. 3:16.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 8 th Jan.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD -YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 9th Jan, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Nora Ding
Mon. 10 th Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	
Tue., 11 th Jan.	Feria	10.00am	
Wed., 12 th Jan.	Feria	10.00am	
Thur., 13 th Jan.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 14 th Jan.	Feria	10.00am	
Sat., 15 th Jan.	+ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 16th Jan, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	

ST PETER'S

Sun., 9th JAN.	+ BAPTISM OF THE LORD -YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Parishioners
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travellers, Living & Dead
		6.00pm	
Mon., 10 th Jan.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 11 th Jan.	Feria	9.15am	
Wed., 12 th Jan.	Feria	9.15am	
Thur., 13 th Jan.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 14 th Jan.	Feria	9.15am	
Sat., 15 th Jan.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 16th Jan, 2022.	+ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Parishioners
		2.00pm	All Travellers
		6.00pm	

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

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.

RECOLLECTION: There will be a recollection for women at St Peters Church on Wednesday the 19th of January. It starts at 7pm.

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 Friday evening youth club programme is back on at St Peters, after the Christmas season. Presently, it is open to all children with the ages 8 to 12. Bring your kid and experience what is happening. You will be delighted you did. It starts 5pm and ends 6pm.

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 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

Parish Office:

MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:
8.30am - 1.30pm;

SP: Tue., Thur., Fri.: 9.30am-1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
01707 262439; Email:
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

SP: Seena Vadassery, Nonso Ijezie, and Eric Chiejina; Ph: **07402030680;** Email:
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned Giving:

MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
gilliansutton@rcdow.org.uk

SP: Pat Malsher:
01707 265530

“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.*

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@mountcarmelkindergarten.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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