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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

+6TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C

"Blessed are the poor, Woe to the rich" 6:20 & 24

St Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' (LK 6:20-49) is the counterpart to Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount' (Matt 5:1-7:27). It is addressed to the disciples of Jesus, and, like the sermon in Matthew, it begins with beatitudes (20-26) and ends with the parable of the two houses (46-49). This introductory part of the sermon is made up of blessings and curses that address the concrete economic and social realities of the human society (the poor, the rich, the hungry, the satisfied, those grieving, those laughing, the outcast, the socially acceptable). By contrast, Matthew, who addressed a predominantly Jewish audience emphasized the religious and spiritual values of disciples in the Kingdom inaugurated by Jesus (the poor in spirit, Mt 5:5, hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5:6). The word "Blessed" in the sermon extols the fortunate condition of the persons who are favoured with the blessings of God; where as the woes and threat of God's profound displeasure are addressed to those disciples of Jesus, so blinded by their present fortunate situation that they stop recognizing the real values of Gods Kingdom. In all the blessings and woes, the present condition of the persons addressed will be reversed in the future. The stress therefore is on the reversal of values brought by Jesus. Jesus turns the world's standards on its head. His good news comes to the poor, the disadvantaged, the neglected. True blessedness consists not in fame, wealth, abundance and festivities. It is those who struggle now who will receive a lasting reward. One can argue that these four woes are too hard on the rich, the contented, the frivolous, the famous. Through this gospel run a thread of warning about the dangers of contentment and a wise person once stated, "we seldom pay attention to warnings unless they are they are overstated". The worry of those who have plenty, about how they should use their advantages responsibly for those in need, should at least be commensurate to those who worry to survive. St Mother Teresa once said, "if I ever become a saint, I will surely be one of darkness, I will continually be absent from Heaven to light the light of those in darkness on earth".

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Jere. 17:5-8**; 2nd Reading: **1Cor. 15:12, 16-20**; Gospel: **Lk. 6:17, 20-26**.

Psalm: **Ps 1: 1-4,6**: *Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.. Alleluia! Matt. 11:25 .

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 12 th Feb.	+ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 13th Feb, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Mon. 14 th Feb.	Ss Cyril & Methodius	7.00pm	
Tue., 15 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 16 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Emily & George Waterman. RIP
Thur., 17 th Feb.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 18 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 19 th Feb.	+ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 20th Feb, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Pretti's Intention

ST PETER'S

Sun., 13th Feb, 2022.	+ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	John Davin's Intention
		11.00am	Sunanda Senanayake. RIP
		2.00pm	Kathleen McKann. RIP
		6.00pm	Teresa Castro. RIP (Birthday Ann
Mon., 14 th Feb.	Ss Cyril & Methodius	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 15 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 16 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 17 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 18 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 19 th Feb.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 20th Feb, 2022.	+ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Thomas Kiely & Deceased Fam.
		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

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.

NEWMANS COLLEGE: Invigilators required ASAP £8.91 per hour rising to £9.50 per hour from April 2022. An opportunity has arisen for invigilators to join our existing team. The ideal candidate will have strong communication and organisational skills and possibly the ability to act as a scribe and reader. No experience is necessary, as training will be given. Applicants will need to be available for work in the main examination period during May and June. Please contact Heidi Foyle (foyleh@jhn.herts.sch.uk) for further information and an application pack.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge
There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

ST PHILIP HOWARD: NURSERY APPLICATION FOR 2022. If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they can now start nursery in September. Application forms are available on the website under 'Admissions' or directly from school. The deadline for September application is 28 February. The nursery sessions are as follows:

15 Hour Nursery: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12 Noon. 30 Hour Nursery: Monday to Friday; 9am to 3pm. The school also provides wrap around care: Breakfast club: 7.30am to 9am (for those attending 15 hour nursery). Lunch Club: 3pm to 5.30pm (for those attending 30 hour nursery). For more enquiries, contact school on 01707 263969.

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.**

'COME AND CELEBRATE the FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION 25 MARCH on a Pilgrimage to WALSINGHAM by coach from St Albans. Holy Mass in Walsingham at 12noon will be celebrated by the Bishop of East Anglia, Alan Hopes, followed by a visit to the Slipper Chapel and a walk along the Holy Mile to the Priory, the original site of the holy house requested by Our Lady in 1061. The cost is £25 and £5 for children. To book or for further info please contact Rosemary Roscoe 07723 546642 rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com or Margaret Leahy: margleahy@gmail.com 01727 763832.

"FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING.
Tuesday 15th February 7pm in the hall at St Peters Hatfield. If you would like to help in the event of a fire emergency please attend the training. 18+ Advantage of having this training is useful extra for your CV! Contact Jemma email: Jemimajean66@gmail.com .

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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8.30am - 1.30pm;

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1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

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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.

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