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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

+7TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C

Be Compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate. Lk 6:36.

It would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. Loving one's enemies is asking a lot. Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take tack what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands. However, before we give up in despair, and decide that this type of Christianity is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about him every time we meet him (he would not let us anyway!). It means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of him, and try to see the good that is in him. Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbour the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our jails, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later on. "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21 :23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbour for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbour must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **1Sam 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23**; 2nd Readg: **1Cor. 15:45-49**; Gospel: **Lk. 6:27-38**
 Psalm: **Ps 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13: *The Lord is compassion and love..***
Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!
Acts 16:14.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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	Minna's Intention
Mon. 21 st Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	
Tue., 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	9.30am	
Wed., 23 rd Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 24 th Feb.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 26 th Feb.	+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 27th Feb, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Francis Xavier & Stanly Law.rip

ST PETER'S

Sun., 20th Feb, 2022.	+ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	Mary Maron's Intention
		11.00am	Thomas Kiely & Deceased Fam
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 21 st Feb.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 22 nd Feb.	Chair of St Peter	9.30am	
Wed., 23 rd Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Marshall K. RIP
Thur., 24 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 25 th Feb.	Feria	9.30am	Patrick & Sarah Brennan. Anniv.
Sat., 26 th Feb.	Feria	10.30am	Miroslaw rakiec's Intention
Sun., 27th Feb, 2022.	+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travellers
		6.00pm	Francis Loh. Birthday Tksgiving

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, Nora Ding and Ruth Henry.

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.

YOUTH CLUB - AGE 12-16:

Friday 25th February, 6:30pm, we wish to welcome our older children in secondary school whose ages are 12-16, for an evening filled with interactive games & a pizza night! Entry Fee £2 with a tuck shop available. Looking forward to welcoming all the young ones within our parish.

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 Fast Day Friday 11 March.

We are encouraging everyone to eat simply and give what they save so more children can grow up big and strong because no child should go hungry. There will be a short talk after masses on 5/6 March and a second collection

on 12/13 March. To be able to cover all masses and dates we are looking for some help.

If you are able to help, please contact Mary Crummey on 07546421954 or marycrummey@hotmail.co.uk

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.**

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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8.30am - 1.30pm;

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

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MC/STM: Gillian Sutton:
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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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