

**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

+8TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME-YR C

"There is not a sound tree that produces rotten fruit". Lk. 6:41. Once again, the first reading (Sirach 27:5-8) compliments greatly the message of the gospel reading. The sage of Jerusalem put together many pithy sayings some of which are severely challenging in the practical sense. Four images of testing a person by their speech is here presented. The easiest way to tell what and who people are is by their action. How people discharge their social obligations speaks louder than whatever good thing they have to say. The statements of Christ spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews of Palestine in the Gospel are as true and as crystal clear today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbour's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own. While we ourselves are blind to, or wanting in, many necessary virtues, yet we can spot this lack in our brother Christian and have the audacity to offer to lead him on the right road. We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbour's Christian behaviour whilst our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal. In other words, most if not all of us, to some degree pretend to be what we are not, but should be. We pretend to be producing good fruit: figs and grapes, whereas we are only thorn bushes and brambles which produce nothing but harmful thorns which sting and poison ourselves and our neighbours. How many times in the past week have I criticized my fellow men without knowing all, or any perhaps, of the true facts. How seldom have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Eccl. 27:5-8**; 2nd Reading: **1Cor. 15:54-58**; Gospel: **Lk. 6:39-45**

Psalm: **Ps 91(92):2-3, 13-16: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.***

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia! Acts 16:14.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 26 th Feb.	+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	Lynette & Derek Belch. RIP
Sun., 27th Feb, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Francis Xavier & Stan Law. RIP
Mon. 28 th Feb.	Feria	7.00pm	
Tue., 1 st March.	St David. Feast.	9.30am	
Wed., 2 nd March.	Ash Wednesday	10.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson. RIP
Thur., 3 rd March.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 4 th March.	Feria	9.30am	Maurice Ashwell. RIP
Sat., 5 th March.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Special Intention
Sun., 6th March, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Winifred Hannon
		11.00am	Fr Geoffrey Web. RIP

St Peter's

Sun., 27th Feb, 2022.	+ 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	For Peace in Ukraine
		11.00am	MARY Maron. RIP
		2.00pm	All Travellers
		6.00pm	Francis Loh. Birthday Tksiving
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Sat., 5 th March.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 6th March, 2022.	+ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	P.D. Anthony
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		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, Nora Ding and Ruth Emery.

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.

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.

LENTEN HEALING SERVICE: Join us as we undertake a Lenten retreat and prayer to prepare to commemorate the Lord's Passion and the celebration of His victory over death at Easter. We shall gather in the Church every Friday for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Talk on relevant Lenten topics and Benediction. The programme will last for an hour every Friday (6:30 – 7:30). Submit your prayer intentions to be prayed for during this time. Our hope is that this retreat will help us to intentionally work on our prayer lives.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The 2nd of March is the beginning of Lent. Pope Francis has appealed that we make Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and prayer for world peace, that the Queen of Peace may preserve the world from the madness of war. Mass times will be as follows: St Peters: 9:30am and 7:00pm. Marychurch: 10:00am. St Philip Howard Primary School: 1:45pm (Ash Wednesday Service).

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3

pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, and email (or telephone number, if no email).

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.

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-
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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.

Parish Priest: Fr Agbor Fredrick Isek msp; **Email:** agborisek@rcdow.org.uk
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