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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

+FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, SW1P 1QJ

Pastoral Letter for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26/27

February 2022.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, I thank you for your faithfulness and for your presence here at Mass. These last two years have been very difficult and I thank God for the gift of faith which you have received, which you have nurtured and from which, I know, you receive great grace and strength. I know this to be true because it is true for me too. Now I would like to ask your assistance. During these last two years there were times when our way of life was severely curtailed. We were in 'lockdown'. At one time, for three months, even the doors of our churches were firmly closed. Being unable to enter the House of God and to take part fully in the celebration of the Mass was, for many, an experience of real dismay and pain. But that is no longer the case. We are again able to fashion the way of life that we choose. The doors of our churches can stay wide open. Yet, as you know, many have not resumed the pattern of coming to church, week by week. Other activities have filled that space. For some, the thirst for being at Mass, for celebrating life-giving sacraments, has diminished. This is where I ask for your help. I would like you to be ready to approach those whom you know, and who are not present here today, with a word of invitation for them to join us. I know this is not easy. You may well feel it is an intrusive thing to do. Also, taking the step across the threshold of the church can be daunting for someone who has been away for a long time. So, I ask you to exercise great deference and kindness when approaching them, perhaps offering to accompany them on this return journey. I make this request now not simply because fear and restrictions are eased, but because we are approaching Lent, the traditional and powerful season of our renewal in faith. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, this coming week, we respond to the Lord's invitation to come forward and meet him afresh. He invites us to come through the doors of the church to stand before him and receive his blessing, his mark of mercy. **TO BE CONTINUED...**

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Deut. 26:4-10**; 2nd Reading: **Romans 10:8-13**; Gospel: **Lk. 4:1-13**

Psalm: **Ps 90(91): 1-2,10-15: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to ... Mat 4:4.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 5 th March.	+ FIRST 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
Mon. 7 th March.	Feria	7.00pm	Barry Holloway. RIP
Tue., 8 th March.	Feria	9.30am	Harold Pym. RIP
Wed., 9 th March.	Feria	10.00am	
Thur 10 th March.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 11 th March.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 12 th March.	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	James Casey. RIP
Sun., 13th March, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Winifred Hannon
		11.00am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman

St Peter's

Sun., 6th March, 2022.	+ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	P.D. Anthony. RIP
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 7 th March.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 8 th March.	Feria	9.30am	Inga Lindgen. RIP
Wed., 9 th March.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur. 10 th March.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 11 th March.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 12 th March.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 13th March, 2022.	+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	
		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, Michael MacPherson, Maria Campbell, Christine Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, Nora Ding and Ruth Emery.

NOTICE

APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: Meeting in London, today, 4th March 2022, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland said:

In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals.

We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence. We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons.

We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Hugh Gilbert, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Bishop John Keenan.

The Parish will take a collection to this effect next weekend. In the meantime, drop off any donations such as medical supplies, winter clothings and others. We shall send them to the Ukraine Chaplaincy in London asap.

ST PETER'S & MARYCHURCH is offering the young people in our church a chance for them to get together and enjoy the company of similar age kids to enjoy fun activities, learn new skills and be part of a vibrant community. Youth Groups run every Friday at St. Peter's Church Hall – ages 8 to 11 at 5 to 6 p.m. and 12 to 16 years old from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Just £2 entry fee and tuck shop available.

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.

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:

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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