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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

+FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT-YR C

“For our sake, God made the sinless into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.” 2Cor 5:21. This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called *Laetare* Sunday. The whole week, with its wealth of liturgical significance, is intensely interesting. This Sunday *in vigesimal* is in imitation of Byzantine custom, a Sunday in honor of Our Saviour's Cross, for which reason the Station is at Holy-Cross-in-Jersualem, a great devotional centre in Rome, especially during Passiontide. The great part of the Mass is inspired by this choice. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy. The readings, no doubt beam the light on the reason for our call to rejoicing. The first reading describing a double feast: Passover and festival of Unleavened Bread; thanksgiving for protection in their nomadic wanderings and thanksgiving for the beginning of a new wheat harvest season, here celebrated as thanksgiving for a new beginning after their deliverance from slavery. St Paul reminds us in the second reading that, like the Israelites arriving in the promised land, we too have been liberated through the sin-offering made by Christ (the righteous who was made into sin), as he took the place of our sinful guilt and made a full expression of the unitive, divine love of the trinity for humanity. In his artistry and delicacy of character study, St Luke's Prodigal son story reveals the unfathomable mercy of God for sinful humanity. In his *Dives in Misericordea*, St John Paul II says, "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way". The story x-rays the immensity of the love and forgiveness of God towards us. Should we not rejoice and try to pay it forward?

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Joshua 5:9-12**; 2nd Reading: **2Cor. 5:17-21**; Gospel: **Lk. 15:1-3, 22-32**

Psalm: **Ps 33(34):2-7**: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and ... Lk 15.18.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 26 th March.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	Thanksgiving
Sun., 27th March, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Anne Holloway. RIP
Mon. 28 th Mch.	Feria	7.00pm	Peace in Ukraine and the world
Tue., 29 th Mch.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 30 th Mch.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 31 st Mch.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 1 st April.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 2 nd April.	+5TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 3rd April, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	

St Peter's

Sun., 27th March, 2022.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	Peace in Ukraine and the world.
		11.00am	Anthony Crawley. RIP
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 28 th Mch.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 29 th Mch.	Feria	9.30am	Mary Marron. RIP
Wed., 30 th Mch.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur. 31 st Mch.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 1 st April.	Feria	9.30am	Ishanka Fernando. Btday Tksgiving
Sat., 2 nd April.	Feria	10.30am	Maria De Souza. Btday Tksgiving
Sun., 3rd April, 2022.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Noreen Savage Intention.
		11.00am	Roshan Senanayake. 50 th Btday
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Ray Hussey, Clara Sakala, Sr Jo, Martina Knightly, Anne Owens, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Katie Shannon, Michael MacPherson, Maria Campbell, Christine Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, Ruth Emery and Ella Russell.

NOTICE

MARYCHURCH & ST PETERS 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.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

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 Wednesday (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.

EASTER SPRING CLEANING. This will take place on April 9th at 10.30am. It will involve extra tasks that we cannot do on weekly basis. Wax removal from carpets and surfaces, cleaning glass on porch doors, polishing and other jobs. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. A special thanks goes to our regular cleaners for giving up time and energy to keep the Church clean through the year.

UKRAINE: WHAT WE CAN DO

The shocking news from Ukraine continues to distress and cause anxiety. Although we are 1500 miles from Kyiv and may feel hopeless, we can still help. Here are ideas for us from our Diocese's Justice & Peace network:

- Pray every day for peace and all those affected: at home, at school, on the bus and of course at Mass
- Donate: CAFOD and Caritas are grateful for all contributions and particularly welcome money rather than goods because it can be targeted at key needs, it doesn't need sorting or transport and can be Gift Aided <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>
- Write to our MP to ask the Government to support people fleeing from Ukraine: Rt Hon Grant Shapps, House of Commons, London SW1 0AA or email shappsg@parliament.uk
- Pope Francis says our hearts must not be closed to refugees. We can support those already in Hertfordshire who have fled perils in other countries: Herts Welcomes Refugees has volunteer opportunities here <https://www.hwsf.org.uk/>

VIANNEY MISSION FOR PRIESTS: Join us in praying the rosary daily surrendering the priests and the parishioners to the immaculate heart of Mary before our first Vianney mission meeting on Friday, April 1, at 8pm in St Peters Church.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY - January 2022

Envelopes - £969.55; Standing Orders & Online - £1,336.37; Loose Plate & Contactless - £1,628.18; General Donations - £450.00. TOTAL - £4,384.10

Many thanks for your generous support.

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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:
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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.

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Thank You.

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MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:

8.30am - 1.30pm;

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

Safeguarding Officer:

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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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