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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

10.30am

#### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Mass: As Announced.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sat. 11.00 am – 11.30

## **+THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT-YR C**

*"leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."* (Lk. 13:9) "In the Christian life, faith has consequences, that to 'serve God' we must renounce 'Mammon,' that to be free for God we must break the hold that the world has on us. Faith demands a reconstruction of the inner life, a reforming that can be brought about only by overcoming". — *The Conversion of Augustine*. Jesus our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit (cf. Lk 8:11-15) in keeping with the graces we have received (cf. Lk 12:48). But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live (Ezek 33:11) and, as St Peter teaches, he is "forbearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace. *Jose Maria Escriva* puts it this way "There is one case that we should be especially sorry about — that of Christians who could do more and don't; Christians who could live all the consequences of their vocation as children of God, but refuse to do so through lack of generosity. We are partly to blame, for the grace of faith has not been given us to hide but to share with others (cf. Mt 5:151). We cannot forget that the happiness of these people, in this life and in the next, is at stake. The Christian life is a divine wonder with immediate promises of satisfaction and serenity — but on condition that we know how to recognize the gift of God (cf. Jn 4:10) and be generous, not counting the cost".

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8,13-15**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1Cor. 10:1-6,10-12**; Gospel:**Lk. 13:1-9**  
 Psalm: **Ps 102(103): *The Lord is compassion and Love.***

***Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you ... You are the Word of God. Mt 4:17.***

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 19 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Peace in Ukraine
<b>Sun., 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Nora Ding. RIP
Mon. 21 <sup>ST</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	7.00pm	Patricia Dee. RIP
Tue., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Isaiah Khan Ndi. RIP
Wed., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Irene & James Collins. RIP
Thur., 24 <sup>th</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mass	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri., 25 <sup>th</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Michael Creighton & Mary Taykr. Rip
Sat., 26 <sup>th</sup> March.	<b>+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Sun., 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anne Holloways. RIP

### St Peter's

<b>Sun., 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>	<b>+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Chinedu Joshua Onuchukwu. Bda,
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 21 <sup>ST</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Inga Lindgren. RIP
Wed., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Anthony Warnwright. RIP
Thur. 24 <sup>th</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	7.00pm	Isaiah Khan Ndi. RIP
Fri., 25 <sup>th</sup> Mch.	<b>Annunciation of D Ld</b>	9.30am	Winnie Grant. RIP
Sat., 26 <sup>th</sup> Mch.	<b>Feria</b>	10.30am	Isaiah Khan Ndi. RIP
<b>Sun., 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anothony Crawle. RIP
		<b>2.00pm</b>	
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**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 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 appreciates you for your contribution last weekend for this purpose. Continue to pray for an end to violence and peace in Ukraine and in our world generally.**

**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.

**"EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN:** On Wednesday 23rd March from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. there will be an evening of recollection for men at Holy Family Church, 194

Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7RQ. This will include meditations given by a priest plus an opportunity for confession. Call 07814 009039 for more details."

**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-look-for-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.

**FUNERAL OF PATRICIA DEE:** The funeral service of one Our parishioners will take place at St Thomas More on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Time is 12.30pm

**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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**Bank – HSBC**

**Sort Code – 40-05-20**

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**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

**Parish Office:**

**MC/STM:** Wed - Fri.:  
8.30am - 1.30pm;

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

**Safeguarding Officer:**

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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](mailto: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.

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