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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

+FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT-YR C

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus did not deny the Scribes and Pharisees the right to carry out this prescription of the Law, but he insisted on one condition, namely, that they have no sin on their consciences. When Jesus and the woman were left alone, he looked up and said, "Woman, where are they?" Ironically, the self-righteous observers of the Law, so eager to throw stones, could not measure up to the requirement that Jesus had laid down. Previously called "Passion Sunday," this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life. A chance at a new life is offered in the gospel: "The two of them were left on their own, the wretched woman and Mercy. But the Lord, having smitten them with the dart of injustice, does not even deign to watch them go but turns his gaze away from them and once more writes on the ground with his finger. But when the woman was left alone and they had all gone, he lifted up his eyes to the woman. We have already heard the voice of justice; let us now hear the voice of gentleness. I think that woman was the more terrified when she heard the Lord say, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her,' . . . fearing now that she would be punished by him, in whom no sin could be found. But he, who had driven away her adversaries with the tongue of justice, now looking at her with the eyes of gentleness, asks her, 'Has no one condemned you?' She replies, 'No one, Lord.' And he says, 'Neither do I condemn you; I who perhaps you feared would punish you, because in me you have found no sin.' Lord, can it be that you favour sinners? Assuredly not. See what follows: 'Go and sin no more.' Therefore, the Lord also condemned sin, but not the woman' (St Augustine, *In Ioann. Evang.*, 33, 5-6). *Go and sin no more.*

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Isaiah 43:16-21**; 2nd Reading: **Philippians. 3:8-14**; Gospel: **John. 8:1-11**
 Psalm: **Ps 125(126): What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
 come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. Joel 12.**

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 2 nd April.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Isaiah Khan Ndi. RIP
Sun., 3rd April, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Parishioners
		11.00am	Bill & Raynah Watson. RIP
		Mon., 4 th April.	Feria
Tue., 5 th April.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed., 6 th April.	Feria	12.00pm	Nora Ding. RIP
Thur., 7 th April.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 8 th April.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 9 th April.	+PASSION SUNDAY-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	Frs Ronald Cox & James Woolanhan. RIP
Sun., 10th April, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Stn Parishioners
		11.00am	John Davi. RIP

St Peter's

Sun., 3rd April, 2022.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Noreen Savage's Intention.
		11.00am	Roshan Senanayake. 50 th Btday
		2.00pm	
		6.00pm	
Mon., 4 th April.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 5 th April.	Feria	9.30am	James Luis Baron. RIP (1 st Ann.)
Wed., 6 th April.	Feria	9.30am	
Thur., 7 th April.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 8 th April.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 9 th April.	Feria	10.30am	Nnenna Adina. RIP
Sun., 10th April, 2022.	+ PASSION SUNDAY-YR C <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	Zora Davidson. RIP
		11.00am	Robert Parrott. RIP
		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, Ella Russell and Yvonne Stephens.

NOTICE

Easter Programme: Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palms & Gospel in the back porch with everyone backing the altar. No procession, just turn and face the altar. Palms to be handed out before Mass.

Holy Thursday – Mass: SP – 7.00pm; MC – 5.30pm. Washing of Feet. Altar of Repose. And 10 mins of Watching to end with Benediction.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross and Passion Ceremonies: SP – 4.30pm; MC - 3pm. Collection for the Holy Places.

Easter Vigil – SP: 8.30pm; MC: 6.30pm. Easter Fire. Collect candles as you come in. 3 OT readings/their psalms. 1 NT reading. Gospel Reading.

Easter Sunday – Mass: SP – 9am & 11am; STM – 9.30am; MC – 11am.

Easter Confessions: SP – Friday 8th April: 6.30 – 7.30. MC – Wednesday 6th April: 6.30-7.30. And on appointment.

LENTEN HEALING SERVICE: This Wednesday 6th (Marychurch) and Friday, 8th (St Peters) concludes our Lenten retreat. It will start with the Stations of the Cross as usual, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. **CONFESSIONS will follow** while adoration of the blessed sacrament continues. It will conclude with Benediction. The programme will run from (6:30 – 7:30).

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.

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/>

MONTHLY OFFERTORY - February 2022
Envelopes - £711.20; Standing Orders & Online - £1,436.37; Loose Plate & Contactless - £658.37; General Donations - £370.00. TOTAL - £3,176.04
Many thanks for your generous support.

A BREAD AND SOUP LUNCH: will be served next Sunday (**Palm Sunday**) **after 11 am mass** (at St Peters). Donations are welcome and all the donations will go to Ukraine. Please support the effort. If you wish to donate a homemade soup, that would great also. Contact Jemma for details (07550181144).

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.

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Thank You.

Parish Office:

MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:

8.30am - 1.30pm;

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

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Angela Madden,
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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.

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