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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

+3RD SUNDAY OF SUNDAY

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" JN 21:17. Peter's rehabilitation is here witnessed and his primacy restored. Peter had met with Jesus two times before the encounter in today's gospel. They have not spoken about his triple denial. Peter must have been very apprehensive as to where he stood with his master. Jesus puts him out of his misery in this encounter. Not only was he forgiven, his denial has been forgotten. Peter had already reproached himself for failing so bad, Jesus did not need to repeat that. a lesson on how God treats penitents and as should we. Instead of telling Peter how bad he has fallen, Jesus confirmed him to the position he had earlier on appointed him (Matt. 16:18). He gave Peter chance to counter his triple denial (Jn. 18:17, 25,27) with a triple confession of Love for Jesus.

That Peter's position of authority was recognized by his fellow Apostles and by the first Christians, is evident in almost every page of the Acts—the book which describes the infant Church. It was Peter who presided at the election of Matthias, who succeeded Judas in the apostolic college (Acts 1:15-26): he gave the first Christian sermon after the descent of the Holy Spirit (2: 14-40); he worked the first recorded miracle wrought by any Apostle (3:1-11); he pronounced sentence on Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11); it was he who received the first Gentile convert into the Church (11:1-18) and it was he who defended Paul's action at the Council of Jerusalem (15:6-11).

Having learned his lessons, Peter who was found asleep three times at his post admonishes three times in his letters: Prepare your minds for action (1Pt 1:13), Be self-controlled and alert (1Pt. 5:8), Be on your guard (2Pt. 3:17). This summarizes the disposition of the apostles when they faced persecution as evident in the first reading (Acts:5). May we too be accorded the grace to stand firm in the face of trials and to rise whenever we fall. Amen.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32,42-41; 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14 ; Gospel: John 21:1-19.
 Psalm: Ps 29(30):2,4-6,11-13: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*
Alleluia! Alleluia!! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.' Alleluia! Lk 24:32.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 30 th April.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	6.00pm	John Kelly. RIP
Sun., 1st May, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Stm Parishioners
		11.00am	Rachel Brooke. Peace of mind.
Mon., 2 nd May.	Feria	7.00pm	Fr Sturt Gullan-Steel's intention
Tue., 3 rd May.	Ss Philip & James	9.30am	Raynah Watson. RIP
Wed., 4 th May.	English Martyrs	9.30am	Ruth Emery. Healing
Thur., 5 th May.	Feria	No Mass	
Fri., 6 th May.	Feria	9.30am	
Sat., 7 th May.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	
Sun., 8th MAY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	Stm Parishioners
		11.00am	Willy Prendergast

St Peter's

Sun., 1st May, 2022.	+ 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	9.00am	John Davin. RIP
		11.00am	Andrew Penman. RIP
		2.00pm	Casey & Delaney fam. Living & D
		6.00pm	
Mon., 2 nd May.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 3 rd May.	Ss Philip & James	11.00am	Marylyn Cason. RIP (Memorial Mass)
Wed., 4 th May.	English Martyrs	9.30am	Arnolfo & Eduardo Rentuma. RIP
Thur., 5 th May.	Feria	7.00pm	Nick Rudoe Int
Fri., 6 th May.	Feria	9.30am	John Davin. RIP
Sat. 7 th May.	Feria	10.30am	Flordeliza Rentuma Uargo. RIP
Sun., 8th May, 2022.	+ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	John Davin. RIP
		11.00am	Melena & Tia Fernando's Ints.
		2.00pm	Michael Delaney. RIP
		6.00pm	

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for 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

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH:

1. **DIRECT DEBIT:** We encourage you to use direct debit. It is very easy, fast and secure. Here is our Account Details:
Sort Code – 40-05-20.
Account Number – 81094602
2. Normal plate Collection: Cash or Cheque.
3. Free-Will Giving or Legacy in memory of loved ones.

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.

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be visiting our parish on the 8th of May for a mission appeal. Their priest will say the masses and speak to us about their missionary works. They will be needing our generous financial support for their works all over the world.

MAY DEVOTION: The month of May is specially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. To Observe the May Devotion, there will be rosary after mass daily through the month.

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 - March 2022

Envelopes - £732.00; Standing Orders & Online - £1,351.37; Loose Plate & Contactless - £1,266.37; General Donations - £370.00. TOTAL - £3,719.74

Total Income and Expenditure. First Quarter=1Jan to 31 March, 2022.

Income= 15,913.97; Expe. = 11,950.24.
Surplus = £3,963.73

Many thanks for your generous support.

WE ARE AT THE END of a tax year 2021/2022. If you no longer pay income tax, please let us know. If we could claim the tax you paid while earning the offertory you have given to the church, please ask for a Gift Aid Declaration form to be sent to you.

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish Priest and all parishioners express our deepest gratitude to Angela Maden for serving as the Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) for the past 3 years. Angela has stepped down at the end of April. We have this position to fill, a new PSR for Marychurch and St Thomas More. Training will be provided by the dioceses for the new person. Please let the priests know if you are willing to help the Parish in this capacity.

SYNODAL PATHWAY: The Diocesan report has been published on the website. You can view it via [this link:](https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/)
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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:
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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MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:
8.30am - 1.30pm;

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

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Volunteer Needed,
01707 262439; Email:
hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.o
rg.uk

SP: Nonso Ijezie, and Eric
Chiejina; Ph: **07402030680;**
Email:
hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardr
cdow.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.*

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