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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

+4TH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY

“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me” Jn.10:14. Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and as such save them from the jaws of the marauding demon. He is the true shepherd who fulfils Ezekiel’s prophecy; foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people. Christ’s sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls. This Fourth Sunday of Easter marks the 59th Anniversary of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Pope Francis’ in his message this year says *“The word “vocation” should not be understood restrictively, as referring simply to those who follow the Lord through a life of special consecration. All of us are called to share in Christ’s mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God.*

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52; 2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; Gospel: John 10:27-30.

Psalm: Ps 99(100):1-3,5: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia! Jn. 10:14.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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
Mon., 9 th May.	Feria	7.00pm	
Tue., 10 th May.	Feria	9.30am	
Wed. 11 th May.	Feria	9.30am	George May. RIP
Thur., 12 th May.	Feria	No Mass	
Fri., 13 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Ruth & Kevin Herbkersman
Sat., 14 th May.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 15th MAY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	Wilomena Cherry. RIP

St Peter's

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	
Mon., 9 th May.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 10 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Rentuma Fam. Deceased members. RIP
Wed., 11 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Noreen Savage intention
Thur., 12 th May.	Feria	7.00pm	Mary Immaculata (Btday) & Senulya
Fri., 13 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Deceased membs of Rentuma Fam.
Sat. 14 th May.	St Matthias	10.30am	Malcolm P McGlave. Anniversary
Sun., 15th May, 2022.	+ 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Pat & Olive Malshaer's Intentions
		11.00am	Leela Varma. Annivrsary
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living and dead
		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:

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

Normal plate Collection: Cash or Cheque.

Free-Will Giving or Legacy in memory of loved ones.

DEANERY MEETING OF PRIESTS: The Hatfield parishes will host the meeting of the priests of Stevenage deanery on the 10th of May. It will take place at St Peters between 10am and 2pm.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

MISSION APPEAL: The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be visiting our parish on the 29th 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 praying the 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/Emergenc-es-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.

Indome= 15,913.97; Expe. = 11,950.24.

Surplus = £3,963.73

Many thanks for your generous support.

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/) <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>.

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.org.uk

SP: 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.*

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