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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

+5TH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY

Returning to Mass at Pentecost. An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales. This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58). The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1st Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**; 2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 21:1-5**; Gospel: **John 13:31-33,34-35**.
 Psalm: **Ps 144(145):8-13a: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**
Alleluia! Alleluia!! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.' Alleluia! Jn. 13:34.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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
Mon., 16 th May.	Feria	7.00pm	Ron Thomas. RIP
Tue., 17 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Doris Thomas. RIP
Wed. 18 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Brian Hopkins. RIP
Thur., 19 th May.	Feria	No Mass	
Fri., 20 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Cindy Friend Intention
Sat., 21 st May.	+ 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	6.00pm	Fr Stanislaus Savage. RIP
Sun., 22nd MAY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	STM parishioners
		11.00am	Canon Adrian ArrowSmith. RIP

St Peter's

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	
Mon., 16 th May.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 17 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Rentuma Fam. Deceased members. RIP
Wed., 18 th May.	Feria	9.30am	Noreen Savage intention
Thur., 19 th May.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 20 th May.	Feria	9.30am	John Breenan. RIP
Sat. 21 st May.	Feria	10.30am	Mary Faithfull. Birthday Blessings
Sun., 22nd May, 2022.	+ 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Robert John Langlois. Anniv.
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & 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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for your generous contribution towards the training of our seminarians and priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday the 22nd of May will be the day our children make their first Holy Communion. We keep them and their teachers and families in our prayers as they prepare for the day. They will have a mini thanksgiving party after the 11am mass in the hall. All parishioners are invited.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY: 5TH JUNE.

Sunday the 5th of June, Pentecost Sunday is also the day that marks the anniversary of the Marychurch Parish. We are planning a huge party of thanksgiving and fundraising after mass on the day. There will be barbecue, stalls for different crafts, face painting for children, and a few other fun stuff. Volunteers are needed to be in charge of these functions on the day. Interested persons should give your name to Gillian Sutton or the priests.

MSP REGIONAL RETREAT: Frs Agbor and Francis will be attending a retreat for the priests of the Missionaries of St Paul in the UK from the 23 to the 27th of May. There will be no weekday masses during the week except for Thursday the 26th the Solemnity of Ascension. Mass 90.30am: St Peters.

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/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.

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. Three parishioners have offered to form a team of safeguarding reps for the parish. We are starting the process of their training and appointment. We shall update you subsequently.

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/)

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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