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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

**+6TH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY**

*"The advocate will teach you all things"* In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first General Council ever held by the Church authorities. There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the authorities announced the conclusion they had reached. In this Gospel which we have just read, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would teach them all things and recall to their minds all that Christ had taught them. In other words, the Church, through the Apostles, was promised the direct assistance of the Holy Spirit in preserving and interpreting what we call "the deposit of faith" or the sum total of the divine revelation given to us for our sanctification. That promise was fulfilled in a very solemn way within twenty years of our Lord's resurrection at the Council of Jerusalem. It has been fulfilled again and again down through the history of the Church. And this has been the case not only on the solemn occasions of General Councils, or when definitions concerning faith and morals were given ex cathedra by the Pope, but in many circumstances of less solemnity.

The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He assists the local authorities in the Church. He inspires individual Christians if they call on him in their need. He inspires young people of both sexes to offer their lives to the service of the Church and their neighbour. He has inspired founders of orders and congregations to form institutes which would help the spread of the faith. He is at work today among us and among the separated brothers of the Church, helping and inspiring them towards that unity for which Christ prayed.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup>Reading: **Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**; 2<sup>nd</sup>Reading: **Apoc. 21:10-14, 22-23**; Gospel: **John 14:23-29**.  
 Psalm: **Ps 66(67):2-3, 5-6, 8**; *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Alleluia! Alleluia!! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'* Alleluia! *Jn. 14:23.*

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 21 <sup>st</sup> May.	<b>+ 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Stanislaus Savage. RIP
<b>Sun., 22<sup>ND</sup> May, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	STM Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Canon Adrian ArrowSmith. RIP
Mon., 23 <sup>rd</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	7.00pm	No Mass
Tue., 24 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	No Mass
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Edward James Baker. RIP
Thur., 26 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>ASCENSION</b>	9.30am	<b>Biran. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, RIP</b>
Fri., 27 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	No Mass
Sat., 28 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anne Holloway. RIP

### St Peter's

<b>Sun., 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Robert John Langlois. Anniv.
		<b>2.00pm</b>	All Travelers. Living and dead.
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 23 <sup>rd</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 24 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Mary. Anniversay
Wed., 25 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	No Mass
Thur., 26 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Ascension</b>	9.00am	
Fri., 27 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	No Mass
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	<b>11am&amp;2p</b>	First Holy Communion
<b>Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.</b>	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	All Travelers. Living & Dead.
		<b>6.00pm</b>	

**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:

**Act Name: WRCDT Hatfield**

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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We congratulate and celebrate with 5 of our children who make their First Holy Communion today. They will have a mini thanksgiving party after the mass in the hall. All parishioners are invited.

**PARISH ANNIVERSARY: 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> of May. We will pray for you and ask for your prayers too.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S JUBILEE PARTY:** On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Youth Group Leaders will be hosting a Children's Jubilee Party starting at 5 p.m. Free entry, games, prizes and lots of lovely food for ages 8 to 11 and for the older youths (12 to 16 year olds) the session starts at 6.30 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** This wee, we masses only on Wednesday and Thursday, both at 9.30am.

### 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](mailto: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.

**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:** Thursday after mass.

**Rosary:** MC/STM:

Wednesday & Friday after mass.  
**SP:** Wednesday after mass.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:**  
Tuesday after mass in both parishes.

**Christian Meditation:**

**MC:** Suspended presently.

**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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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](mailto:hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

**SP:** Nonso Ijezie, and Eric Chiejina; Ph: **07402030680 & 07717578052** ; Email:

[hatfieldsouthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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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