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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

**+7TH SUNDAY OF SUNDAY**

*“That they may be one”* A Look at Christian Unity. Have you ever caught yourself or heard someone else ask a question such as this: With so many denominations in Christianity and people believing different things how are we supposed to know that being Catholic is the right choice? I have heard this question uncountable times and sadly, most of those who ask the question ended leaving the Church. Every time this passage (John 17:20-26) is read in Church, I cannot help but wonder whether this prayer of Jesus has been answered, was ignored by God or will still be answered. Or maybe I have a wrong understanding of the meaning of the prayers, or something more mysterious is at play here. Already, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Letters of St John has shown that Christian unity from the outset was not without problems. The scandals of disunity in Christianity have become flagrant since the break between the Eastern and Western Christianity in 1054 and the total breakdown of Western Christianity into increasingly petty and unfortunately inimical fragments since 1517.

The unity of the disciples was to be the sign to all people that they were Gods children, a sign to make the world believe that Jesus was sent by God (Jn. 17:21). Jesus promised Peter, on this rock I shall build my ‘Church’ not churches, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18). There is no way known to honest Christians to look at the disunity that does not reveal absurdity and counter productivity in our mission to non-Christians. A continuous division and increasing animosity among Christian denominations is not the effective sign of divine Love Jesus spoke of in today’s gospel.

For us in the Catholic Church, the continuity from the time and words of Jesus through the apostles, down to the Church fathers and down to today’s magisterium (teaching authority of the Church) assures us we are in the right place. But the unity of Gods children remains a distant dream. God can however be glorified in the difference if we can focus our attention not on the disunity but on the unity of the one Holy Spirit working in all of us.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup>Reading: **Acts 7:55-60**; 2<sup>nd</sup>Reading: **Apoc.22:12-14,16-17,20**; Gospel: **John 17:20-26**.  
 Psalm: **Ps 96(97):1-2b,16-17,20: *The Lord is king, most high above all the earth. Alleluia! Alleluia!! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your heart will be full of joy. Alleluia! Jn. 14:18.***

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

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
Mon., 30 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	7.00pm	Special Intention
Tue., 31 <sup>st</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> June.	<b>St Justine De Matyr</b>	9.30am	
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mass	
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> June.	<b>St Charles Lwanda &amp; C</b>	9.30am	Bill & Yaynah Watson. RIP
Sat., 4 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>+ 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Ron & Doris Thomas. RIP
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Marychurch Parishioners

### St Peter's

<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 and dead.
		<b>6.00pm</b>	
Mon., 30 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 31 <sup>st</sup> May.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	Eileen McManus. Months mind.
Wed., 1 <sup>st</sup> June.	<b>St Justin</b>	9.30am	Rajeev & Tessa Johnson. Wedding A
Thur., 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.	<b>Feria</b>	9.00am	
Fri., 3 <sup>rd</sup> June.	<b>St Charles &amp; Co</b>	9.30am	
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>Feria</b>	10.30am	
<b>Sun., 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2022.</b>	<b>+ <sup>TH</sup> PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 3</i>	<b>9.00am</b>	
		<b>11.00am</b>	Rajeev Johnson Intentiion
		<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.

### **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 incharge 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 wish to thank you immensely for your prayers during our retreat. We prayed for too, just as we promised. Stay blessed.

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS:** For good reasons, we skipped the donations for flowers at easter. However, to continue to adorn the altar with some beautiful flowers, we need some support. Please consider making a donations for flower, in preparation for parish feast.

**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. Please join us.

**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.

### **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](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/) <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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*h Secretary: Yvette Rawle*

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