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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

+13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. C.

"Your duty is to spread the news of the Kingdom of God". Paul tells the Galatians that they were called for freedom. He then makes an important distinction that needs to be reiterated often in our world, and that is the distinction between freedom and license. St. Paul says "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love." Many people seem to have the idea that freedom is all about doing what I want, when I want, how I want, etc. This is not freedom, but license. License is selfish, the opposite of the love to which St. Paul exhorts us. Jesus then demands a total dedication from his followers, Leave the dead to bury their dead. No one who looks back is worthy of the Kingdom. We are followers of Christ since our baptism. In theory this is the fact, but in practice how real is this fact for many of us? Are we really following Christ during the twenty-four hours of every day of our lives? Are our eyes always fixed on the true future which awaits us? Are we prepared to plow a straight furrow no matter what snags or obstacles may be on our way? How few of us can answer "yes, we are," to these straight questions? We have, of course, explanations ready at hand for our forgetfulness, our laxity, our earthly entanglements. We are tied down by family and a hundred other earthly cares. Our days, our weeks, our year are so fully occupied that we find it hard to spare even a short hour on Sundays to give to God. This answer shows a misunderstanding of what Christ demands of us. He knows his followers must live for a few years in this world and must, for the most part, struggle to earn a living for themselves during that period. But it is by living this earthly life properly, by being loyal to spouse and family, by earning one's living honestly, by living not only peacefully but helpfully with one's neighbours, that we are living our Christian life.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1stReading: **1Kings 19:16,19-21**; 2ndReading: **Gal. 5:1,13-18** Gospel: **Luke 9:51-62.**

Psalm: **Ps 15(16):1-2,5,7-11: O Lord, it is you who are my portion.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia! Is. 3:9, Jn 6:68.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 25 th June.		6.00pm	Private intention
Sun., 26 JUNE, 2022.	+ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.30am (STM)	
		11.00am	
Mon., 27 th June.	St John Southworth	7.00pm	Peace in Ukraine
Tue., 28 th June.	St Irenaeus	9.30am	Eunice Botley
Wed., 29 th June.	Ss Peter & Paul	9.30am	Kajetan Migdal. RIP
Thur., 30 th June.	Feria	No Mass	
Fri., 1 st July.	Dedication of Wes Cat.	9.30am	
Sat., 2 ^{ns} July.		6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 3rd July, 2022.	+ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.30am (STM)	Bill & Raynah Watson. RIP
		11.00am	Fr Mike Stewart. 40 th Ordin Ann.

St Peter's

Sun., 26 JUNE, 2022.	+ 13TH SUNDAY <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	
		11.00am	Mrs Adike & Family Thanksgiving
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living and Dead.
		6.00pm	
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Fri., 1 st July.	Cathedral dedication	9.30am	
Sat. 2 nd July.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 3rd July, 2022.	+ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	9.00am	Bertrand Rodrigues. RIP (4 th Ann)
		11.00am	Bruno Fernando. RIP
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living & Dead.
		6.00pm	Suseela John. RIP (3 rd Ann)

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.

NOTICES

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.

SILVER JUBILEE OF FRAGBOR: Please for your Diary. On the 8th of July, there will a 7pm mass at St Peters Church to commemorate Fr Agbor's Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. A reception/Party will follow in the hall after the mass. May we make this a date to celebrate our Parish Priest.

Will You take the first Step?

CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people.

This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring other to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear.

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
Note: Only cash donations are accepted henceforth. Materials are said to be next to impossible to convey.

PARISH SECRETARY: Our beloved Parish Secretary for almost 15 years has from accepted the offer of redundancy from the dioceses. This is a sad news as we can all attest to how well she has done her job and loved the parish all these years. But since every good comes to an end eventually, there is not much we can do about this development. A new secretary is needed to fill that office. Applications are welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – LOOKING TO LISBON

World Youth Day 2023 will take place in Lisbon in the beginning of August 2023. Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry with support from Cardinal's Appeal is offering a limited number of places on this pilgrimage with a 50% discount to young people between the ages of 16-25. Any 16 year olds who apply will need to be finishing year 12 by the start of World Youth Day pilgrimage. These young people will commit to a series of preparatory sessions from September 2022, to prepare them to assist in support roles during the pilgrimage, such as by acting as small group leaders, and also offer formation to them which will be helpful in living their faith post-World Youth Day. More details can be found at <https://dowym.com/programmes/world-youth-day-leadership-training/> or by contacting Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please apply by 31 July 2022.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Our next Practice will be on Wednesday 29th June. 6pm at St Peters.

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.

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

Parish Office:

MC/STM: Wed - Fri.:

8.30am - 1.30pm;

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

1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer:

MC/STM: Recruitment process, **01707 262439**; Email:

hatfieldsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

SP: Nonso Ijezie, and Eric

Chiejina; Ph: **07402030680**

&07717578052 ; 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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