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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

+16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. C.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 10:38-42* and recounts the familiar story of Martha and Mary. St Augustine comments on this scene as follows: "Martha, who was arranging and preparing the Lord's meal, was busy doing many things, whereas Mary preferred to find her meal in what the Lord was saying. In a way she deserted her sister, who was very busy, and sat herself down at Jesus' feet and just listened to his words. She was faithfully obeying what the Psalm said: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Ps 46:10). Martha was getting annoyed, Mary was feasting; the former coping with many things, the latter concentrating on one. Both occupations were good" (*Sermon 103*).

Martha has come to be, as it were, the symbol of the active life, and Mary that of the contemplative life. However, for most Christians, called as they are to sanctify themselves in the middle of the world, action and contemplation cannot be regarded as two opposite ways of practicing the Christian faith: an active life forgetful of union with God is useless and barren; but an apparent life of prayer which shows no concern for apostolate and the sanctification of ordinary things also fails to please God. The key lies in being able to combine these two lives, without either harming the other. Close union between action and contemplation can be achieved in very different ways, depending on the specific vocation each person is given by God.

There was an old Jesuit vocation poster that showed a cartoon of a Jesuit with his nose in a book while he was sawing a piece of wood with the teeth of a crocodile. The copy said, "Contemplatives in Action." This is a bit of a caricatured understanding of what it means to be a **contemplative in action**, where your intellect is engaged as you go about *doing* the nitty-gritty work of the world. Being a contemplative in action is more than that, and it's certainly not just for intellectuals.

READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1stReading: **Genesis. 18:1-10**; 2ndReading: **Colosians1:24-28** Gospel: **Luke 10:38-42.**

Psalm: **Ps 14(15):2-5: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.***

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia! . Acts 16:14

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 16 th July.	+ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	6.00pm	Margaret & Arthur Grove. RIP
Sun., 17 JULY, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	STM Parishioners
		11.00am	Murray-Bruce family Txxgiving
Mon., 18 th July.	Feria	7.00pm	Peace in Ukraine
Tue., 19 th June.	Feria	9.30am	Raynah Watson. RIP
Wed. 20 th June.	Feria	9.30am	Special Intention
Thur., 21 st June.	Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Fri., 22 nd July.	St Mary Magdalene	10.05am	Barry Holloway. RIP
Sat., 23 rd July.	+ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sun., 24th July, 2022.		9.30am (STM)	STM Parishioners
		11.00am	Michael McLaughlin. RIP (1 st An

St Peter's

Sun., 17 JULY, 2022.	+ 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 4</i>	9.00am	Ann Dunkley's intention (Bday)
		11.00am	
		2.00pm	All Travelers. Living and Dead.
		6.00pm	
Mon., 18 th July.	Feria	No Mas	No Mass
Tue., 19 th July.	Feria	10.05am	Brenda Cupper. Anniversary
Wed., 20 th July.	Feria	10.05am	
Thur., 21 st July.	Feria	7.00pm	
Fri., 22 nd July.	St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Eileen Banko. Birthday Txxgiving
Sat. 23 rd July.	Feria	10.30am	
Sun., 24th July, 2022.	+ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	9.00am	Fr Michael Harwood's intention
		11.00am	
		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.

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.

APPRECIATION: Dear Parishioners and friends, I am truly touched and wish to express my sincere appreciation of the profound outpouring of love and support for me and my apostolate, on the occasion of the silver jubilee of my priestly ordination. May our God, the origin of love and the support of us all, reward your kindness and generosity to me. May He deepen your faith in Him and strengthen your hope in all situations. Amen.
Fr Agbor F Isek, MSP.

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 others 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 shapps@parliament.uk
Note: Only cash donations are accepted henceforth. Materials are said to be next to impossible to convey.

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.

RECYCLING: Ink Cartridges-Recycling for CAFOD is restarting. Please leave used and unwanted cartridges in the right hand cupboard at the back of Marychurch. Thank you.

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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