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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

**+17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. C.**

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 11:1-13* in which we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer. Jesus enjoins us to approach our heavenly Father with our petitions with firm faith that He will grant our needs. But what is the right way to ask for favours from God? According to St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Francis de Sales and other great saints, sometimes the best way to ask is simply not to ask. Well, at least not in the conventional sense. For most of us, our common experience with prayer of petition is the same. In public prayer, we directly ask God for the things that we need, and privately we internalize this same form of vocal expression. We have a specific thing that we think would be best for us, and we ask God to deliver it. Perhaps some of us try to pray more often for the grace to do the will of God—not asking for specific things, but simply that His will be done. While the great spiritual writers tell us that this type of prayer is necessary and commendable in those who are seeking to grow spiritually, they also teach that it is not the highest form of petition. The highest form of petition requires that we maintain pure humility. How do we do this, one cannot but wonder? A few suggestions from the masters will be helpful. First, by the contemplation of God's great love for us in comparison to our own lack of worth and lack of deservedness. Second, by coming through this contemplation to a complete love for God and total lack of self-interest. The highest form of petition, therefore, consists not in a verbalized prayer for favours, but rather in the recognition of our lack of deservedness. Through the cultivation of humility and the redirection of our love towards God and away from ourselves, we become full of faith and hope. This is because we come to the realization that God grants his favours to whom He wills, when He wills, and in what manner He wills. Both physical needs and spiritual favours will be granted to us if only we do His will. What results is a clarity of mind that frees us from worry and helps us to endure trials, both physical and spiritual, with a sense of peace. Thy will be done oh Lord.

## READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS

1<sup>st</sup>Reading: **Genesis. 18:20-32**; 2<sup>nd</sup>Reading: **Colosians2:12-14** Gospel: **Luke 11:1-13.**

Psalm: **Ps 137(138):1-3,6-8: *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord..***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia! . Jn 1:14,12.***

## MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sat., 23 <sup>rd</sup> July.	<b>+ 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 1</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sun., 24 JULY, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	STM Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Michael McLaughlin. RIP. (1 <sup>st</sup> An
Mon., 25 <sup>th</sup> July.	<b>St James. Apstle</b>	7.00pm	Peace in Ukraine
Tue., 26 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne</b>	9.30am	Carol Thomas' intention
Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am	
Thur., 28 <sup>th</sup> June.	<b>Feria</b>	No Mass	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri., 29 <sup>th</sup> July.	<b>Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Laz</b>	10.05am	Bill Watson. RIP
Sat., 30 <sup>th</sup> July.	<b>+ 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Divine Office, Wk 2</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sun., 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.</b>		<b>9.30am (STM)</b>	STM Parishioners
		<b>11.00am</b>	Murray-Bruce family Thanksgivig

### St Peter's

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		<b>11.00am</b>	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	All Travelers. Living and Dead.
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**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.

**INFORMATION:** I wish to inform you dear parishioners that our Assistant Parish Priest, Fr Francis Agada MSP, after 2 and half years with us, will be leaving for another mission elsewhere by the end of September. Further details about his movement will be communicated subsequently. Let us keep him in our prayers for God to continue to lead and guide him in his ministry. *Fr Agbor. F Isek.*

**SEND FORTH:** I wish to also announce to you all that our beloved Parish secretary of 15 years, Yvette, will be leaving the parish for a new challenge by the end of August. The Parish will be hosting a farewell party in her honour on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August after the 11am mass. The organizers will be reaching out to us with further details. *Fr Agbor F. Isek.*

### EXTRA ORDINARY COMMUNION

**MINISTERS TRAINING:** We have a number of persons who have indicated interest to become Extraordinary minister for Communion. We would like to hold a training session, after which a date will be set by the parish priest for induction. The training will hold on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm at St Peters Church.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** We will have our next altar servers training on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. The practice is for altar servers for both parishes. Venue is St Peter's Church.

### 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)  
**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. 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](mailto: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.

### MONTHLY OFFERTORY APRIL 2022

Envelopes - £660.00; Standing Orders & Online - £1,200.67; Loose Plate & Contactless - £540.49; General Donations - £445.00. TOTAL - £2,846.16  
MAY 2022: Envelopes - £937.00; Standing Orders & Online - £1,220.67; Loose Plate & Contactless - £792.73; General Donations - £450.00. TOTAL - £3,400.40

**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:** 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.*

**PARISH OF MARYCHURCH, HATFIELD  
with ST THOMAS MORE, WELHAM GREEN**

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