WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH (MC) ST THOMAS MORE (STM), WELHAM GREEN, AL9 7PF Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 22/08	5.00pm STM	Victor Power, RIP Audrey, Birthday Wishes	10.30am	Joy Watters, B/day Wishes Karen Jolliff, RIP Daniel & Collette Cregan, RIP
Sun 23/08	10.00am	Daisy Iheanacho, RIP Florence Soloman, RIP Oana Husaru, Ints	8.30am	Dayse Pereira, Healing
			11.30am	Joshua Ndi, Thanksgiving
			6.00pm	Students, Successful Studies
Mon 24/08	7.00pm	Geffrey Davies, RIP		
Tues 25/08			9.30am	Chidinma Chiejina, 40th B/day Wishes
Wed 26/08	10.30am	Brendan Cuffee, Anni RIP		
Thu 27/08			9.30am	Elizabeth B. Obada, Ints
Fri 28/08	10.30am	Patrick & Anne Gillick, Anni RIP	7.00pm	
Sat 29/08	5.00pm STM		10.30am	

Next Sun Readings: 1. Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9 Ps 63(62):2.3-4.5-6.8-9. 2. Saint Paul to the Romans 12:1-2 Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Dear Parishioners,

As the twilight of my ministry in Hatfield and commencement of my new appointment as the Vocations Director of my Order, I thank God for the grace to serve you for three years and 10 months.

In addition, I commend you for your ardent faith and generous spirit that were evident. Hence, serving you as your priest has been a great privilege because I felt loved and appreciated.

I sincerely thank you for the send-forth celebrations; the cards, words of encouragement and appreciation fills me with great joy and made me feel blessed. Also, your financial gifts were gratefully received.

I pray that God continues to nourish your faith, make you grow deeper in love and reward you abundantly for all you have done for me. Be assured of my prayers.

Father Innocent

Holy Father's intention for the month of August 2026. For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 22nd/23rd August 2026

READINGS: 1. Prophet Isaiah 22:15,19-23 2. Saint Paul to the Romans Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 **Response to Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a.2bc,3.6,8bc.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

Reflection: Above the sanctuary of Saint Peter's basilica in Rome, written in lettering of gold mosaic, is this promise of Jesus to his chief apostle: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." These words are held by Catholics as the basis for the papacy, applying to the bishop of Rome as the successor to Peter, to be the chief spokesman for the church's living faith, and wielder of the spiritual power of the keys. The Gospel deserves close attention for what it says about faith, enlightenment and leadership, and guidance for our own lives.

Each must make a personal answer to Our Lord's question: "Who do you say that I am?' although Peter's credo is a solid basis from which to begin. Notice the beautiful phrase: "Son of the Living God," expressing more richly what "Christ" means. Peter's worshipful faith comes to him as gift from above, not from any mere logic or ingenuity. Why was the blessing given to him in particular? Perhaps because his humble and contrite spirit made him best prepared to receive it? Or because God chooses whom He wills, irrespective of their merits? It is to this Peter that Jesus entrusts his solid, dedicated faith the Church will always rely, for unity and encouragement. Keys are mainly for opening; many doors lock by themselves. We could reflect further on Peter's task, as seen in other Gospel passages (Mat. 14:28ff; 17:24ff; Lk. 22:32; Jn. 21:15-17) , and in the Acts (1:1 5ff, 2: 14ff; 3:1 2ff) .

While he is appointed to "feed the lambs and sheep" of Christ, to "confirm his brethren," and welcome the first pagan convert into the Church, Peter is no plaster saint. Weakness of faith, rash self-confidence and eventual denial are also portrayed by him. But these serve only to underline the grandeur of his conversion, when with a new clarity of self-knowledge, he turns and says to Jesus: "You know that I love you." Today we particularly remember the present successor of Peter, our Pope; that God may establish him in faith and wisdom; that being strong in himself, he may confirm the brethren; and that as Chief Shepherd, he may help us on our way to the Kingdom.

'Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.' (1 Peter 5:7)



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SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Clara Sakala, Sr Jo, Joyce Davies, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Christine Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, Ella Russell, Remi Clarke, George, David de Laubenque, Kyler and Pat M.

NOTICES AND EVENTS

Monthly Offertory – Marychurch with St Thomas More:	July 2026	July 2025
Offertories Envelopes	477.00	614.30
Offertories SOs and Online	1718.67	1568.67
Offertories Loose Plate	584.23	791.35
General Donations & Fund Raising	407.00	270.00
Total Income	3186.90	3244.32

July 2026 total is -1.8% less than July 2025. Thanks for your continuing support.

MC: COFFEE MORNINGS: Sundays after 10am Mass and every Wednesday from 10.30am, Coffee, natter, create, care and plant club etc. Get to know people and what's happening in our parish.

MC & SP: SAFEGUARDING: We have been asked by the Diocese that ALL our volunteers complete an online Safeguarding training course, please email Linda Graham, hatfieldleadcat@rcdow.org.uk with your name and how you volunteer, e.g., Reader/Choir/Church Cleaning etc so full details will be sent to you.

MC & SP: WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE ON SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER: Please join us on this special day, the 10th Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. Archbishop Richard Moth will be joining pilgrims. This year's theme at the Shrine is *Mary, Cause of Our Joy*. We have a coach departing St Peter's at 6.30am prompt, £30 per person, payable by cash or transfer (WRCDT Hatfield South, 40-05-20, 81094602, Ref WAL26 and your name). Please complete a registration form, available at the back of the churches and bring a packed lunch.

MC/STM: To donate to Marychurch with STM, scan the QR code using your mobile and click 'rcdow.org.uk' to enter. You can choose between one-off or set up a standing order donation. If you wish to donate via transfer, the details are: **Acct Name: WRCDT Hatfield, Sort Code: 40-05-20, Account Number: 41266217.** If you are a UK tax-payer, please GIFT-AID all donations. Thank you.



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SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for Jack Cook, Edwin Levy, Anna Lodge, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Richard Atkin, Mary Damoah, Dulia Prado, Pat Hayward, Frances Kennedy and Mary Paiva.

Monthly Offertory – St Peter's Church:	July 2026	July 2025
Offertories Envelopes	717.38	584.13
Offertories SOs & Online	1496.00	1592.00
Offertories Loose Plate	990.68	1523.21
Offertories Contactless	861.00	529.00
General Donations	125.00	120.00
Total Income	4190.06	4348.34

July 2026 total is -3.78% less than July 2025. Thanks for your continuing support.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Every Saturday after 10.30am Mass, join us and help clean. Thank you
SP: FLOWERS: Olive

SP & MC: SVP SUMMER RAFFLE TICKETS on sale after all Masses in August. Tickets are £1 each with a top winning prize of £5000. All funds raised will be used to support the work of the SVP here in our community.

SP & MC: MUSICAL TALENT: Would you like to play the piano during Sunday Masses at St Peter's? We are also looking for more choir members. Please contact Vivesha on 07849 9131121 for further information.

SP & MC: LUMINESCENCE: This a 360° immersive show in light, music and speech which tells the story of London and Westminster Cathedral. You can see our cathedral as its architect intended when complete. The show is narrated by Hugh Bonneville and there are certain nights with choir and orchestra. Some seats left for August and September. To book, please go to www.luminescence.com

SP: To donate to St Peter's R C Church, scan the QR code with your mobile and click 'rcdow.org.uk' to enter. You can choose one off or set-up a standing order. If you wish to donate via transfer the details are: **Acct Name: WRCDT Hatfield South, Sort Code: 40-05-20, Account Number: 81094602**. If you are a UK taxpayer, please GIFT-AID all donations. Thank you.