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 15/08	5.00pm STM		10.30am	
Sun 16/08	10.00am	O. Husaru, Ints Dassama Family Ints Ignatius Otou, 3rd B/day Thanks	8.30am 11.30am 6.00pm	Dayse Pereira, Healing Joshua Ndi, Thanksgiving Father Innocent, Thanks Students, Successful Studies
Mon 17/08	7.00pm			
Tues 18/08			9.30am	
Wed 19/08	10.30am	Damilare Oyegunle, B/day		
Thu 20/08			9.30am	
Fri 21/08	10.30am	Thanksgiving	7.00pm	
Sat 22/08	5.00pm STM	Victor Power, RIP	10.30am	Joy Watters, B/day Wishes

Next Sun Readings: 1. Prophet Isaiah 22:15,19-23 Ps 138(137):1-2a.2bc,3.6,8bc. 2. Saint Paul to the Romans 11:33-36 Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM: Contact parish office. Preparation with the catechist is an obligation.
MARRIAGE: Contact parish clergy, 6 months notice is required to allow time for preparation and paper works.
CONFESSIONS: SP: Saturday after 10.30am Mass (and by appointment for both parishes).
DEVOTIONS: Sacred Heart Novena: MC: Friday during adoration after Mass
ROSARY: MC = Wed after Mass.
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: SP Tues after Mass.
HATFIELD SVP: Pauline, 07738 074614 and Claudia, 07949 832850.
CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY LISTER: John O'Neil, 01438285518.
TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASSES: After 10am at MC and after 11.30am at SP.
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: MC = First & last Sunday of the month during 10am Mass.
SP = During 11.30am Mass. Except 1st Sunday when there is CHILDREN'S MASS.
RCIA: Want to become a Catholic, or find out more? Are you an adult Catholic wanting confirmation? Please contact the parish clergy or Philip Crabtree, 07379 497097.
MASS & HALL BOOKINGS: Masses may be booked by telephone, online or filling out a Mass intention request. Hall bookings may be booked by telephone, online or through the parish office.
FUNERALS: Please speak to the parish clergy before making funeral arrangements.

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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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year A, 15th/16th August 2026

READINGS: 1. Book of Revelation 11:19a;12-1-6a,10ab 2. Saint Paul to Corinthians 15:20-27 Gospel Luke 1:39-56 **Response to Psalm Ps 45(44):10.11.12.16 On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia.

Reflection: Every individual of humanity, male and female, is made *in the image and likeness of God*. (Genesis 1:26). We can celebrate Our Lady's Assumption considering this basic principle from the creation story. Mostly we are tempted to reverse this process and try to shape God in our own image and likeness. Naturally, we have a limited concept of our Creator. How we cling to the notion of a docile God, who will grant our wishes if only we ask him in the right way; or an indulgent God who will turn a blind eye on the double standards in our lives; or a vengeful God, whom we obey only out of fear. To test the quality of our faith we might wonder, do my ideas resemble Mary's vision of God, especially as in today's gospel when she says, "My soul *glorifies* the Lord, and my spirit *rejoices* in God my Saviour."
Mary combines sincere worship of God with deep joy in his presence, in the spirit of the advice given to the early Christians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). In her *Magnificat*, Mary is enraptured by God, she does not ask anything for herself, she is not worried about the future; she thinks only of the goodness of God up to the present moment, and of the *gratitude* she owes to God. In her we have the supreme example of someone totally captivated by the love of God. In this sense, she is the fairest of all God's creatures.
First of all the saints, she is the handmaid, the willing and joyful servant of the Lord. She lived solely for God and therefore God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, gave her the fullness of grace. Now just as Jesus did not abandon us when he ascended to heaven, so Mary has not been separated from the Christian community by her Assumption but remains for each of us a sign of hope. We are called, like her, to share in the fullness of Christ's glory. She is the model and guarantee of all that the believer hopes to become in heaven. We pray today that we too may be found worthy to come to that place in heaven which God has prepared for those who love him.

'Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of eternal splendour.' St. Padre Pio



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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:	June 2026	June 2025
Offertories Envelopes	374.50	708.00
Offertories SOs and Online	1848.67	1661.93
Offertories Loose Plate	630.27	1057.46
General Donations & Fund Raising	440.00	280.00
Total Income	3293.44	3707.39

June 2026 total is -12.6% less than June 2025. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

6 Month Offertory, January 2026 – June 2026:	Jan 26 – June 26	Jan 25 – June 25
Offertories Envelopes	2758.51	3773.50
Offertories SOs and Online	10,035.02	9437.62
Offertories Loose Plate	5373.92	5223.61
General Donations & Fund Raising	2553.00	2010.20
Total Income	20,720.45	20,444.93

6 months from January 2026 to June 2026 total is 1.4% more than January 2025 to June 2025.

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/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:	June 2026	June 2025
Offertories Envelopes	676.60	765.84
Offertories SOs & Online	1698.00	1670.00
Offertories Loose Plate	1215.72	1707.47
Offertories Contactless	1235.00	1036.00
General Donations	213.00	21.00
Total Income	5038.32	5200.31

June 2026 total is -3.21% less than June 2025. Thanks for your continuing generosity.

6 Month Offertory, January 2026 – June 2026	Jan 26 – June 26	Jan 25 – June 25
Offertories Envelopes	4242.40	4565.66
Offertories SOs & Online	10,994.50	9599.00
Offertories Loose Plate	11,562.18	10,766.78
Offertories Contactless	7328.50	4667.10
General Donations	1160.50	1137.00
Total Income	35,288.08	30,735.54

6 months from January 2026 to June 2026 is 12.9% more than January 2025 to June 2025.

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: 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.