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 05/09	5.00pm STM	Private Intention	10.30am	Antonia Loh, Ints
Sun 06/09	10.00am	Marco L, RIP	8.30am	Obada's Family Thanksgiving
			11.30am	Terence Ngum, RIP Kenneth Eze, God's Protection
			6.00pm	Daiyse Pereira, RIP
Mon 07/09	7.00pm	Bernadette Kelly, RIP Mikaela's Ints		
Tues 08/09			9.30am	Gerald Smith, RIP
Wed 09/09	10.30am	Michael T, RIP		
Thu 10/09			9.30am	Mirella Zubacz, RIP
Fri 11/09	10.30am	D. Campbell, RIP		Kenneth Eze, God's Protection
Sat 12/09	5.00pm STM	Patrick & Elizabeth Murray, RIP Anni	10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Prophet Sirach 27:30-28:7 Ps 103(102):1-2.3-4.9-10.11-12. 2. Saint Paul to the Romans 14:7-9 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35				

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 September 2026. For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 5th & 6th September 2026

READINGS: 1. Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9 2. Saint Paul to the Romans 13:8-10 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20 **Response to Psalm Ps 95(94):1-2.6-7b.7c-9. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Reflection: The homilist might take a leaf from Ezekiel's book. This prophet borrowed an image from war and its threat to national survival. He knows that people under threat need their sentries. The real threat that sentry Ezekiel sees, is not an attack from without, but failure of the community from within, a breakdown that leads to death. The danger that he must warn about is the threat of sin. This warning of Ezekiel is not directed to the community as a whole but to the individual within it. Individual responsibility takes on a new force in his message.

Our own era too is preoccupied with problems of national and international peace and security. For us, the watchman on the city wall is no longer a sufficient form of security. Our world leaders feel the need of sophisticated "early-warning" devices, so that our peace hangs upon a balance of terror. The threat of our times is no longer the fall of a city but an international crisis. When Ezekiel preached, he was a prisoner in enemy territory and he could warn that it was not external force, but the enemy within, that is the real threat to life–that enemy is sin, the abandonment of God. It is the prophetic role of the Church to continue this preaching (even if its voice is treated like something coming from foreign soil). The gospel of Christ is that life and peace come from faith in God and the doing of his will. This gospel calls us to repentance but is no mere denunciation of sin. Christ brought the gift of reconciliation and life. One might develop this further by reflecting on how we as a community can be a sign of what we preach, a repentant community that has found the life and peace offered by Christ.

But all of this should not be seen simply in terms of what the individual owes to the community. The whole Church is called to be supportive of each person who seeks reconciliation. This is especially important in a world where so many people feel threatened by the alienating force of impersonal state structures. The Church is not called to be mega-corporation.

Individuals who are perplexed by their own failures or oppressed by the weaknesses of others, need a community that does not drive them further into isolation but one which calls them through forgiveness and love into the life of fellowship. Living in this fellowship does mean that we owe debts to one another, and as Paul reminds us today the only obligation that ultimately counts is the debt of love we owe one another.

Jesus said, … 'where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them'.



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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: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Walsingham pilgrimage on Saturday 19th September. Blessing of Graves, Oakhill Cemetery on Sunday 1st November at 2.00pm.

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 & SP: THE SPIRITANS are holding a Mission appeal on the weekend of 19th/20th September. Founded in 1703, THE SPIRITANS (HOLY GHOST FATHERS) are a Roman Catholic congregation dedicated to sharing hope and love worldwide. Your support and prayers, help keep their mission alive, carrying the Spiritan light to the world's darkest corners. Thank you for your generosity as we welcome Father James Mchamungu, C.S.Sp.

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: Mary

SP & MC: OUR YOUTH CLUBS ARE OPEN: For children aged 7-11 years, our Ignite Youth Club runs every Friday from 5-6pm in St Peter's Hall. For older children aged 12-16 years, our Flame Youth Club runs on the last Friday of every month, 6.30-7.30pm. Anyone interested in the Confirmation class, needs to attend the Flame Youth Club on Friday 25th September at 6.30pm which will follow with a 30-minute Confirmation session. Please contact Caroline on 07557 819858 for further information. Applications for the First Holy Communion programme is now open and forms can be collected from Ignite Youth Club and must be returned by Friday 2nd October. For more information, please see Corine or Linda at St Peter's or Gillian at Marychurch.

SP & MC: ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAY on Saturday 26th September, 2.00pm at St Peter's Church – anyone interested, please see Linda at the back of St Peter's or Damilola at Marychurch.

SP & MC: ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE: The revived assisted suicide Bill brought back to Parliament by Lauren Edwards MP, which faces its Second Reading on FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER, is the same dangerous Bill that did not pass previously. Please take the postcard, fill in your details (to prove you are a constituent), affix a stamp and post it TODAY to oppose the bill. Thank you.



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