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 12/09	5.00pm STM	Patrick & Elizabeth Murray, RIP Anni	10.30am	
Sun 13/09	10.00am	Marco L, RIP	8.30am	Victor Nwaneri, God's Protection
			11.30am	Terence Ngum, RIP Mikaela's Intentions
			6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon 14/09	7.00pm	A & D Mari, RIP		
Tues 15/09			9.30am	Jacinta McDaniels, RIP
Wed 16/09	10.30am	Obiana Ezekobe, Ints		
Thu 17/09			9.30am	Anthony's Intentions
Fri 18/09	10.30am	Francis Oyegunle, B/day Wishes	7.00pm	Mikaela's Intentions
Sat 19/09	5.00pm STM	Michael Baker, Intentions		No Mass
Next Sun Readings: 1. Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9 Ps 145(144):2-3,8-9,17-18. 2. Saint Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Gospel Matthew 20:1-16				

MPORTANT 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 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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 12th & 13th September 2026

READINGS: 1. Book of Sirach 27:30-28-7 2. Saint Paul to the Romans 14:7-9 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 **Response to Psalm Ps 103(102):1-2.3-4.9-10.11-12. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Reflection: An elderly woman, boasted to her priest, that she did not have an enemy in the world. He was very impressed. What a wonderful thing to be able to say after all those years! And then she added:- 'I have outlived them all'. I suppose if we live long enough, we will also be able to make the same statement.

We have all been hurt in some way or other in the journey of life–made fun of in school, not invited to the wedding, didn't get the job I thought I should have got, or at a more serious level, betrayed by someone you trusted.

By failing to forgive, we hurt ourselves more than anyone else. Surely this is what Jesus had in mind when he told how the merciless servant was cast into prison when he refused to forgive his fellow servant. I don't think he was suggesting that God would cancel his mercy. He is simply saying that an unforgiving spirit creates a prison of its own. It builds up walls of bitterness and resentment and there is no escape until we come to forgive.

Forgiving and letting go is not easy, especially when the wound is very deep. Forgiveness is a choice and often involves a three-stage process: (1) I will never forgive that person (2) I can't forgive (forgiveness seen as a good thing, but the hurt is too great) (3) I want to forgive and let go with God's help.

Also, we must learn to forgive ourselves. For many people there is a something in the background, some skeleton in the closet–a broken marriage, a broken relationship, a serious mistake. And for many of us we do not believe that there is another chance much less a seven times seventy chances. This is not the teaching of Jesus. God does not just give us another chance, but every time we close a door, he opens another one for us. The Lord challenges us not to make serious damaging mistakes, but he also tells us that our mistakes are not forever–they are not even for a lifetime–and that time and grace wash clean, that nothing is irrevocable.

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive." Mother Theresa



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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: Blessing of Graves, Oakhill Cemetery on Sunday 1st November at 2.00pm. Westminster Youth Service Summit at Our Lady's in WGC on Saturday 28th November, 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 6.00pm.

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*.

There is no morning Mass/Adoration/Confessions at 10.30am on Saturday 19th September in St Peter's as Father Paul is joining the Pilgrimage.

MC & SP: The SVP will be marking the anniversary of the death of St Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of the Society. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon on Saturday 26th September at St Peter's. During Mass, there will be Anointing of the Sick, followed by light refreshments in the hall. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us. If you would like to attend, but require transport, please contact Pauline on 0742 4467942. Flyers are available at the back of the churches.

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: Elsie

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 3rd October, 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: 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.

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