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 19/09	5.00pm STM	Michael Baker, Ints		No Mass
Sun 20/09	10.00am	Joyce Davies, Ints	8.30am	Lyn Savage, B/day Wishes
			11.30am	Terence Ngum, RIP Samuel Chuba Okele, RIP
			6.00pm	Private Intention
Mon 21/09	7.00pm	Peter & Family, Ints		
Tues 22/09			9.30am	Maxwell Aziabah, RIP
Wed 23/09	10.30am	Eileen & Tony, 60th Wedding Anni		
Thu 24/09			9.30am	Lucy Aziabah, Ints
Fri 25/09	10.30am	Private Intention, Thanksgiving	7.00pm	Jeremy's 13th Birthday
Sat 26/09	5.00pm STM	Fr Bernard Lang, RIP	10.30am 12noon	 SVP Healing Mass
Next Sun Readings: 1. Prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28 Ps 25(24):4-5b.6-7.8-9. 2. Saint Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel Matthew 21:28-32				

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 19th/20th September 2026

READINGS: 1. Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9 2. Saint Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 **Response to Psalm Ps 145(144):2-3.8-9.17-18. The Lord is close to all who call him.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, o Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Reflection: In Our Lord's time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an open-handed giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. We can never say that we have earned our salvation, or anything from God, but can only stand suppliant before him.

Devout Christians may find it hard to stomach that someone who repents on their deathbed is admitted to the kingdom no less than those who have struggled and suffered all their lives for what is right. But this would presuppose a commercial attitude of reward and punishments from God, and it neglects the nature of love. The relationship of the believer to God must be personal love, and as such it is its own reward, for it brings its own happiness also in this life. The greater the struggle, the more a Christian turns to God and finds comfort in the security of his love. Also, fidelity through a long life does bring some advantage over a final conversion, for it may well be that the relationship of love has so deepened over the years that the Christian, faithfully following Christ, has more capacity for the full enjoyment of God's company than one who comes to know God only at the last moment. Here it is not a matter of God giving a greater reward, but of the person being more capable of receiving it. Of this deep and rewarding relationship with God and with Christ, Paul shows himself in the second reading to be a shining example. Writing as he does under persecution he is yet filled with the joy of Christ. His life is already united with Christ's life, and he longs for the fulfilment of final union. The parable of the vineyard-workers is no blueprint for labour relations, but it illustrates very well Jesus' teaching about grace and mercy. There are consequences to be drawn, and, in The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

"True love begins when nothing is sought in return." St Therese of Lisieux



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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:	August 2026	August 2025
Offertories Envelopes	462.65	709.20
Offertories SOs and Online	1543.67	1439.67
Offertories Loose Plate	828.44	868.70
General Donations & Fund Raising	331.00	334.00
Total Income	3165.76	3351.57

August 2026 total is -5.9% less than August 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: 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 & SP: ADORATION: Starting on Friday 2nd October onwards, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in Marychurch will be at 10am, followed by Holy Mass at 10.30am.

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:	August 2026	August 2025
Offertories Envelopes	778.20	844.23
Offertories SOs & Online	1426.00	1595.00
Offertories Loose Plate	1492.52	2203.10
Offertories Contactless	935.00	408.00
General Donations	55.00	141.00
Total Income	4686.72	5191.33

August 2026 total is -10.8% less than August 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: THE SPIRITANS are holding a Mission appeal on this weekend. 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.

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: 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.