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 03/10	5.00pm STM	Carter Family Ints	10.30am	Francis Loh, Ints
Sun 04/10	10.00am	Adela Pym, Ints	8.30am	Victor Ikechukwu, Ints
			11.30am	Titus Ngum, RIP Noreen Savage, Healing
			6.00pm	Private Thanksgiving
Mon 05/10	7.00pm	Fisher Family, Ints		
Tues 06/10			9.30am	Charles Adike, RIP
Wed 07/10	10.30am	Michael Baker, Healing		
Thu 08/10			9.30am	Mr Lari, RIP
Fri 09/10	10.30am		7.00pm	Private Intention
Sat 10/10	5.00pm STM		10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a Ps 23(22):1-3b-4.5.6. 2. Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Gospel Matthew 22:1-14				

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 October 2026. For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 3rd & 4th October 2026

READINGS: 1. Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7 2. Saint Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel Matthew 21:33-43 **Response to Psalm Ps 80(79):9,12.13-14,15-16.19-20. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia

Reflection: We have often heard about the lethal fault in spiritual life, self-sufficiency. The pride that resides in each of us moves us from a healthy sense of independence toward the unhealthy extreme sense of self-sufficiency. When we think that we are sufficient unto ourselves, we do not need God. God becomes irrelevant. The traditional sources of self-sufficiency are wealth and intelligence. Comfortable wealth tends to put us in a spiritual place where we tend not to pray for the things of this world; we just buy them. Being highly intelligent or thinking we are, we tend to behave as though we know with the knowledge of God.
Gratitude tends to put us in the right relationship with God: dependent, reverence toward one deserving of reverence. If we are stuck on ourselves, we do not need to thank God. With hard work and further learning, who needs God? "Eucharist" means thanksgiving. Gratitude to God is not held to be necessary each Sunday. We dispense ourselves.

Upon reflection, we could add a third source of self-sufficiency that seems to characterise many living in our age. It qualifies because it has the same basic ingredient as wealth and intelligence in diminishing our gratitude to God. The third source is: a sense of entitlement. How often do we see indignant, fiery eyed faces, vein-bulging necks, angry in being deprived of something they feel they deserve – something that others have worked for long and hard, but they patently feel they deserve to be given at no extra cost to them. In today's Gospel, we hear about a group of tenant farmers. In the parable, God is the owner of the vineyard. The vineyard is Israel itself. The vineyard workers are those who plot to become the owners of the vineyard. The owner, we are told, did the basic work.
Jesus asks us to put our trust, our faith in him. We love the Father, his Son, the Holy Spirit in a prayerful way – best expressed in the Eucharist – and carry this love of 'all of the above' to our neighbour. We know that it is by grace, without semblance of entitlement, that we stand humbly before our God.

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love."
St Francis of Assisi



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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: OCTOBER DEVOTION TO OUR LADY IN MARYCHURCH: Procession: 1st November at 11am, closing procession to end month of the Holy Rosary and to celebrate All Saints Day. Feast Of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7th October at 6pm, public rosary outside Marychurch, east side entrance. Marian Exhibit: '*The Power of the Rosary*' runs from 3rd October to 1st November in the Lady Chapel. Everyone welcome.

MC & SP: THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday 6th October. The office reopens on Wednesday 7th October at 9am in Marychurch.

MC & SP: THE THEOLOGY OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN and its relevance for today's Church on Wednesday 14th October at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre, SS Alban and Stephen Church. The Herts Circle of the Newman Association will be showing a recording of a Margaret Beaufort Institute talk entitled, 'Authority and Obedience' by Dr Geertjan Zuijdwegt (KU Leuven). All parishioners are welcome to attend. The Church is located at 14 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RB.

MC & SP: ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL: Reception visits on Thursday 8th October, 5th November, 10th December and 7th January – 9.30am – 10.30am. Please contact the school on 01707 263969 to book your place. For children whose birth date is between 01/09/2022 & 31/08/2023.

MC & SP: CAFOD: Thank you for your donations to CAFOD. Our next second collection appeal will be on Sunday 18th October – World Mission Sunday. More details to follow.

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: Olive

SP: REPOSITORY SHOP: Christmas has arrived in our Repository shop, with a lovely selection of new Christmas stock. Please pop in after Mass to browse seasonal cards, gifts and other festive items – perfect for sharing the joy of Christmas with family and friends. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SP & MC: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Thank you to everyone who applied. Applications are now closed and all parents have been emailed with details of their individual meeting time for Saturday 10th October. Please check your inbox.

SP & MC: LORETO COLLEGE – SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING on Wednesday 14th October, 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. Guided tours will be organised from 6.00pm – 8pm. Please note that there are no parking facilities available at the school, and that parking locally is restricted. Please use paid public parking nearby, Civic Centre and the Maltings car parks.

SP & MC: ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAY on Saturday 17th October, 2.00pm at St Peter's Church – anyone interested, please see Linda at the back of St Peter's or Damilola at Marychurch. We had to change the day; apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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.