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 31/10	5.00pm STM		10.30am	Johnson Fernandez, RIP 20th Anniversary
Sun 01/11	10.00am	Julia Murray-Bruce & Zane Shayan Ahmed, Thanksgiving	8.30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			11.30am	Private Intention
			6.00pm	
Mon 02/11	7.00pm	Mykola, 2nd Anni RIP		
Tues 03/11			9.30am	
Wed 04/11	10.30am	Rita Joseph, RIP		
Thu 05/11			9.30am	Charles Watters, RIP
Fri 06/11	10.30am	Noemi & Elias Gonsalves, RIP	7.00pm	Marie & Antony PP, RIP
Sat 07/11	5.00pm STM		10.30am	Marta Loh, Ints & Thanks

Next Sun Readings: 1. Wisdom 6:12-16 Ps 63(62):2.3-4.5-6.7-8. 2. Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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 before 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 November 2026. For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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All Saints, Year A, 31st October & 1st November 2026

READINGS: 1. Book of Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 2. First Letter of Saint John 3:1-3 Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a **Response to Psalm Ps 24(23):1,2.3-4b.5-6. Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia

Reflection: A veil of mystery hides what lies in store for human beings beyond this mortal life here and now. Saint Paul recognises this fact when he says that "No eye has seen, no ear has heard nor has it entered the human heart to imagine what God has prepared for those who love him." [1 Cor 2:9]. Still, the holy Scriptures provide a wealth of hopeful images to give a foretaste of what lies in store beyond this world, for those who love God. Those in heaven are no plaster saints, no gloomy killjoys, but a glorious band of decent people who lived with such love, they went straight back to the God they loved so well. They went "marching in" — happy to be meeting face to face with the One who always held them in the palm of his hand. Heroes and ordinary people. Some who have inspired the church for centuries, and other unsung heroes, living a quiet life of kindness and duty, pure of heart and gentle of spirit.

"A great multitude that no one could count" — because God is rich in mercy, and in the Father's House there are many mansions. There's place there for all of us, and the surest way is to cling to "the Way, the Truth and the Life." Jesus has told how to be good people. He shows us how to be the best people we can be, and the qualities he wants to see in us, his followers. A quick focus on those qualities shows us that they are the very opposite of common and accepted standards and values: –

The world says, *Blessed are the rich, because they can have anything they want*. But Jesus says, *Blessed are the poor in spirit*. By *poor in spirit,* he means those who put their trust in God rather than money; and those who admit that it is not their income, possessions or bank account that makes them rich in the eyes of God, but what kind of people they are.

The world says, *Blessed are those who live it up and never stop having fun*. But Jesus says, *Blessed are those who mourn*. He means those who let themselves feel the misfortune, pain and sorrow of others, and who respond to them with understanding, sympathy, kindness, compassion, and practical assistance. The world says, *Blessed are the assertive and aggressive that talk tough and act tough*. But Jesus says, *Blessed are the gentle*. Gentleness is not weakness, but a form of strength. St Francis de Sales used to say that you can catch more flies with a spoon full of sugar than a barrel full of vinegar. In Jesus book there's just no place for bullies and bullying. The world says, *Blessed are those who hunger for power, status, and fame*. But Jesus says, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right*. The only power and status we really need it to keep living in God's way and to keep doing the right thing.

"Prayer is the beginning, the progress and the complement of all virtues." St Charles Borromeo



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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:	Sept 2026	Sept 2025
Offertories Envelopes	324.50	584.50
Offertories SOs and Online	1778.67	1555.67
Offertories Loose Plate	704.10	831.57
General Donations & Fund Raising	250.00	290.00
Total Income	3057.27	3261.74

Sept 2026 total is -6.69% less than Sept 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: CHRISTMAS CARDS from the weekend of 31st October/1st November. We will be selling beautiful recycled Christmas cards and other Christmas items at the back of Marychurch. All proceeds to the Marychurch Refurb Fund. Thank you for your support.

MC & SP: NOVEMBER MASSES: During November, Masses will be offered each week for our loved ones who are dearly missed. Sheets for recording names and envelopes for Mass stipends donations are available; please place your kind intention in the special remembrance box in front of the altar.

MC & SP: BLESSING OF GRAVES at Oak Hill Cemetery, Sunday 1st November, 1.30pm – 4pm. St Luke's Cemetery, Hatfield, Monday 2nd November in the afternoon at 2.00pm. Please join Father Paul if you can.

MC & SP: ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL: Reception visits on 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: UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS: Sick & Retired Priests on 14th/15th November. Christmas Flowers on 5th/6th December.

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:	Sept 2026	Sept 2025
Offertories Envelopes	657.36	585.93
Offertories SOs & Online	1724.00	1577.00
Offertories Loose Plate	1183.07	1912.44
Offertories Contactless	1409.00	591.50
General Donations	75.00	389.00
Total Income	5048.43	5055.87

Sept 2026 total is -0.15% less than Sept 2025. Thanks for your continuing support.

SP: CHURCH CLEANING: Every Saturday after 10.30am Mass, join us and help clean St Peter's. Thank you.
SP: FLOWERS: Mary

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: CATHOLIC SOCIETY (CATHSOC) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE for new and returning students to join our society. We meet every Sunday at 6pm Mass. We will host our Freshers Fair on the 1st November and host other events and socials on the last Sunday of the month. Our aim is building community, growing in faith together, and supporting Catholic students on campus. Please scan the CathSoc QR codes at the main entrances to St Peter's to join the society, or contact us via Instagram @uhcathsoc or speak to us after the 6pm Mass.

SP & MC: FLAME YOUTH CLUB CAKE SALE on Sunday 1st November after 11.30am Mass at St Peter's. Our Flame Youth Club will be holding a cake sale to raise funds for their trip next year. The Youth Club will be attending Flame, an event organised by the Diocese of Westminster at Wembley Arena, London. Coach transport is estimated at £1,200. Donations are very welcome. Please do pop by the cake sale to help the club raise funds for their trip.

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.