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 07/11	5.00pm STM	Kevin Ryan, Thanksgiving	10.30am	Marta Loh, Ints and Thanks
Sun 08/11	10.00am	Louiza Maria Cardozo, RIP	8.30am	Victor Nwaneri, Mercy & Healing
			11.30am	Ruperto Cruz, Snr – RIP Anni
			6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon 09/11	7.00pm			
Tues 10/11			9.30am	Grace T Camila Nursiah, Thanks Alex & Victoria, 15th Wedding Anni
Wed 11/11	10.30am	Vincent Hjwan Kim, RIP Ock-Kying Byeon Kim, RIP		
Thu 12/11			9.30am	Private Intentions
Fri 13/11	10.30am	Angela King, RIP Anni	7.00pm	Elizabeth Obada, Thanks Adedayo Abthony Obada, Thanks
Sat 14/11	5.00pm STM		10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128(127):1-2.3.4-5. 2. Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30				

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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 7th & 8th November 2026

READINGS: 1. Book of Wisdom 6:12-16 2. First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-16 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 **Response to Psalm Ps 63(62):2.3-4.5-6.7-8. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia

Reflection: The wedding banquet is a consistent image of eternal life in the New Testament. We can only speak about the unknown and unfamiliar in terms of what is known and familiar. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. "O God, for you, my soul is thirsting" (Responsorial Psalm). In the second reading, Paul, without making use of the banquet image, speaks of life beyond death in a similar vein–it is that eternal moment when "God will bring them (those who have died) with him" and when "we shall stay with the Lord forever." Eternal life will mean entering a new and fuller relationship with God and, through him, with all creation.

Yet, the parable warns us that it is possible to exclude ourselves from the banquet of eternal life. It was only those who were ready, who went in with the bridegroom to the wedding hall. When God comes to bring us, will we be ready? Life, including life after death is God's gift to us and a gift can be refused. However, we will certainly be ready to accept this ultimate gift, if throughout our lives we have learned to be receptive to God. Our daily attitudes will determine our attitude at the moment of death. Today's gospel concludes with a ringing exhortation "Stay awake." One important way in which we stay awake to God is prayer. "Why are you sleeping?" Jesus asked his friends, "get up and pray" (Luke 22:46). To pray is to awaken to the Lord who is always awake to us. In prayer we look for the Lord, desire him, watch for him and think about him. To pray is to become like a child, to grow in receptivity to God's presence within us.

" No-one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ." St Leo the Great



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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: 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. Please use the Gift-Aid envelopes, signing the back of the envelopes, if you are a UK tax-payer. Thank you.

MC & SP: ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL: Reception visits on 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: 1) Sick & Retired Priests on 14th/15th November. Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. The number of our priests over the age of 75 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness is a fundamental part of the mission of our Diocese. We rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year. Thank you for your support.
2) 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 & MC: THE CHURCH GROUNDS at St Peter's were recently tidied by John O'Connor, a ground maintenance company. Four members of their team, worked at the front and back of the Church for a day, at no cost to us. We are very grateful to them for doing such a good job, as part of their support for the wider community.

SP & MC: INCLUSIVE MASS AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES IN WGC, with Caritas St Joseph's, celebrating the gifts and talents of all people. Everyone is welcome, especially those who have learning disabilities, their friends and family. Please join on Saturday 21st November for 6pm Mass followed by refreshments, bingo, raffles, quiz and karaoke in Trinity hall. Please bring food to share.

SP & MC: CAFOD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS: Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See CAFOD volunteers on their website or contact Westminster's CAFOD rep, Chris Driscoll on 07776 493162.

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.