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 14/11	5.00pm STM	Jackie Myolas, Healing	10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 15/11	10.00am	Mr & Mrs Joseph, RIP	8.30am	Mr Jinadasa, 33rd Anni RIP Brigid Teahan, Anni RIP
			11.30am	Victor Nwaneri, Mercy & Healing
			6.00pm	Holy Souls
Mon 16/11	7.00pm	Nooreen, Birthday Anna Simon, RIP		
Tues 17/11			9.30am	Andrew Small, RIP
Wed 18/11	10.30am	Violet Castetino, RIP		
Thu 19/11			9.30am	Minna Browne, Birthday Wishes
Fri 20/11	10.30am	Barry & Anne Holloway, RIP	7.00pm	Mary Vargheese, RIP
Sat 21/11	5.00pm STM		10.30am	
Next Sun Readings: 1. Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23(22):1-2a.2b-3.5.6. 2. Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46				

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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 14th & 15th November 2026

READINGS: 1. Book of Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 2. First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 **Response to Psalm Ps 128(127):1-2.3.4-5. Blessed are all who fear the Lord.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia

Reflection: **We know from experience that different people have different abilities. We learn from experience whose good at what, and we relate to people accordingly. We tend to entrust people with tasks that are in proportion to their ability. We also learn from experience what our own abilities are, and what our limitations are, and we tend to take on tasks that correspond to our abilities and avoid tasks that do not.**

The rich man in today's parable was well aware of the abilities of his servants. Before he set out on his journey he entrusted his property "to each in proportion to his ability." He knew what each of his three servants was able for, and he only gave as much responsibility to each of them as each could carry. The man who received five talents of money was capable of making five more; the one who received two talents was capable of making two more; the one who received one talent was capable of making one more. The first two servants worked according to their ability. The third servant did not, giving his master back the one talent he had been given, instead of the two talents he was capable of gaining. What held this servant back from working according to his ability was fear. "I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground." Many of us may find ourselves having some sympathy for the third servant, because, deep down, we are only too well aware how fear can hold us back and prevent us from doing what we are well capable of doing. Fear can be a much more powerful force in the lives of some than others. There can be many reasons for this. Those who have experienced a lot of criticism growing up can be slow to take a risk and may develop a fearful approach to life. Criticise the young and they will be held back. Unfair criticism can stunt our growth and prevent us from reaching our God-given potential. We hide what we have been given in the ground. There it remains safe, but useless.

Jesus was only too well aware of the disabling power of fear in people's lives. It is striking the number of times in the gospels he addresses people with the words, "Do not be afraid." When Simon Peter fell down at Jesus' knees saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," Jesus replied to him, "Do not be afraid, from now on it is people you will catch." When fear threatened to hold Peter back, Jesus called him forward into a new way of life. Jesus was present to people in ways that released them from their fear. In particular, he did not want fear of failure to hold people back. He could cope with failure in others. He knew that many people could learn from failure. There was little to be learned from staying put. There was much to be learnt from striking out, even if failure was experienced along the way.

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your heart is a glowing furnace of love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary." St Gertrude



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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 are 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. Please use the Gift-Aid envelopes, signing the back of the envelopes, if you are a UK tax-payer and place in front of the altar. Thank you.

MC & SP: SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS ON 14TH/15TH NOVEMBER. This 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 year is a fundamental part of the mission of our Diocese. We rely on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year. By supporting the fund, you can help cover essential costs and give our retired priests peace of mind. Thank you for your support.

MC & SP: MISSIO BOXES need to be returned by Sunday 22nd November. Thank you.

MC & SP: THE NATIVITY JOURNEY AT WINTERSHALL will be performed from the 15th – 20th December. Attendees can discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable immersive event for all the family. You can enter the stable and watch the miracle unfold. Click here to book tickets

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: Olive

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: THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK was founded in 1997 to help women avoid abortion. They will visit St Peter's on Sunday 29th November and give a short talk at the 11.30am and 6.00pm Masses. Someone else will deliver this talk at the 8.30am Mass. Leaflets about their work and the support available will be handed out on the day. There will be a second collection after the morning Masses at St Peter's to help fund their work.

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.