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 21/11	5.00pm STM		10.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 22/11	10.00am	Norberto Santano Cardozo, RIP	8.30am	Riyon's 10th Birthday Thanks Victor Nwaneri, Mercy & Healing
			11.30am	Marie Antony, PP
			6.00pm	21st Birthday Wishes
Mon 23/11	7.00pm	Simon Kizhekepeedika, RIP		
Tues 24/11			9.30am	Oonagh Watters, RIP
Wed 25/11	10.30am	Susan Hounslow, Health & Wellbeing John Rajeev, 3rd Birthday		
Thu 26/11			9.30am	Bruno Fernando, RIP Benedict Fernando, RIP
Fri 27/11	10.30am	Fr John Galvin, RIP	7.00pm	
Sat 28/11	5.00pm STM	Emily & George Waterman, RIP	10.30am	Vineesh Chacko, Birthday Thanks

Next Sun Readings: 1. Isaiah 63:16b-17,64:1,3b-8 Ps 80(79):2ac,3b,15-16.18-19. 2. First letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel Mark 13:33-37

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A, 21st & 22nd November 2026

READINGS: 1. Prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 2. First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 **Response to Psalm Ps 23(22):1-2a.2b-3.5.6. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia

Reflection: **A random act of kindness, a glass of water given out of goodness, seems like a very low threshold for a personal friendship with Christ. Christians have always had a strong trust in Christ's humanity; he was like us in every way except that he did not sin. Although this Sunday portrays him returning in regal splendour, the judgments of Jesus are not like ours either. He seeks good among the ordinary and the bad alike; too often we seek bad among the ordinary and the good alike. For Jesus, the sinner who does a single act in kindness can be saved. For the rest of us, the saint that does something wrong is tarnished forever.**

His hands stretched out in forgiveness to those who had nailed them down. Ours stretch out to point in criticism at the wrongdoer. But we have a dominant image of what a judge is like and how a judge should act. It is not surprising that the image of Jesus as a *fair but stern judge* is deeply set with many Christians. There are even some who delight in the idea of bad people getting their just deserts.

Just as Jesus told the soldiers arresting him that his kingdom was not of this world; his standard of judgment is not of this world either. That should be good news, although not everybody sees it that way.

"Vengeance is mine," said the Lord. Traditionally Christ has been represented as coming in majesty and power. From Michelangelo's ceiling of the Sistine Chapel to the mosaics in many churches, that image is prominent in western art. It is familiar because it is like what we do in every way, except that we don't forgive. The classic picture includes tormented souls being dragged off to eternal flames. It is likely that almost all of us have an idea of some of the people who should be in that category.

That is an image which is very much in keeping with the words of Christ the King: "Judge not and you will not be judged. Condemn not and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." He brings a different kind of rule, a rule where boundless mercy trumps self-righteous justice.

"The strength of faith lies not in the absence of doubt, but in the triumph over it."
St Catherine of Alexandria



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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: SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find donation envelopes at the back of our churches. Thank you.

MC & SP: SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School on Friday 4th December, 12.15pm – 2.30pm. Please RSVP by 25/11/26 on 01737 860079 or by emailing admin@nbs.herts.sch.uk

MC & SP: CAROLS & CRAFTS on Sunday 13th December in Marychurch hall from 3.30pm followed by festive singing, mulled wine, mince pies and more in Salisbury Square from 5pm. If you would like any information about having a stall, please email oldhatfieldra@hotmail.co.uk

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: Mary

SP & MC: HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: This Christmas, SVP Marychurch & St Peter's is helping local families and individuals facing hardship. With your support, we can provide small Christmas gifts and help create the special moments that make Christmas meaningful. To donate, please use the following details:
Bank: Natwest Sort Code: 60-60-04 Account Number: 46087923 Account Name: A221217 Marychurch & St Peter's Hatfield. Thank you for your kindness, support, and prayers.

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: YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18 – 35) ADVENT RETREAT DAY with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th December 2026, 10am -6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube: High Street Kensington). Programme includes talks, prayer, adoration and confessions, faith sharing, Mass and social time. £5 registration fee with subsidised student places available on request. Register now by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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.