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***Our Purpose***

*To Proclaim the “Good News” of Jesus Christ as Missionary Disciples of a Prophetic and compassionate Parish, nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, enlightened by the Gospel Principle of a preferential option for those most in need, as we journey towards the definitive “Kingdom of God.”*

**FR PETER’S LETTER**

Please see his letter on the reverse of this Newsletter.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 / 2022**

If you have a child who is currently in Year 3 (aged 8yrs+) and you would like them to join our First Holy Communion Programme, then please come to the **Parents’ Meeting** on 6th November 2021 at 11.00 in the Parish Hall. You will need to bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate if not Baptised at St Helen’s Church and £25 to cover the cost of the two books used for the programme.

**NOTE:** Due to the size of our Parish Hall we have to ‘cap’ the number of children allowed on the programme. Therefore, priority will be given to the children who live in our parish and attend our Church.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal**

Thank you to all those who gave to this appeal last Sunday: the amount raised was £745.35 which includes 3 chqs made payable directly to CAFOD.

Thank you for your support.

**IN MEMORY OF JESSICA MACQUEEN**

In memory of beautiful Jessica, we are raising money for Jessica’s Arc, to help find better treatments and a cure to **rhabdomyosarcoma**. Please join us on the 18th October, her 2nd anniversary, by wearing a wrist band. The wrist bands, which are £2.50 each, will be available to buy after all masses on 16th & 17th October.  Also, in memory of Jessica, a small number of parishioners completed the half marathon last Sunday to raise money for Jessica's Arc. If you would like to support them, then please visit the below justgiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teammacqueen>

**Sunday 17th october 2021**

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 16th**  10.00 Communion Service

 18.00 Anthony Prasath Mahalingam R.I.P

**Sun 17th** 09.00 Chiara Mazzotta R.I.P

 11.00 Buonanno Luigi R.I.P

18.00 Angel Davranova R.I.P

Mon 18th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tues 19th** 10.00 Communion Service

**Wed 20th** 10.00Communion Service

**Thurs 21st**  10.00 Communion Service

**Fri 22nd**  **\*\*10.30 Funeral**: Alice O Sullivan

**Sat 23rd** 10.00 Communion Service

 18.00 Joseph Mercy Silva R.I.P

**Sun 24th** 09.00 Ann Bourke R.I.P

 11.00 Mary Jenkins R.I.P

18.00 Shaun Lennon R.I.P

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**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

Anyone who had a Mass Intention booked for the coming week will be contacted to rebook.

**VINNIE PACK – VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

During the cold weather, Vinnie Packs are handed out to those living on the streets. Each year volunteers are needed to make up the packs. If you can help with this then go to the following Facebook Page where you will find all the relevant information.

<https://www.facebook.com/vinniepacks/>

See post, dated 4th October 2021.

**APF RED MISSIO BOXES**

These can now be brought in for emptying and left in the box at the back of the Church after Saturday or Sunday Masses only. The empty boxes can be collected from the Hall Lobby by the Repository. Thank you to all those who keep a Red Box.

**GIFT AID TAX**

Thank you to all those who Gift Aid their church donation. For the tax year 2020-2021 we have been able to claim the sum of **£15,627.77** and this has now been received into the parish account. If you are not signed up for Gift Aid and would like to, then please contact the Parish Office or pick up a Gift Aid Form from the Hall Lobby.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 10th October 2021**

Planned Giving £154.00 Loose Plate £279.87

Standing Orders for September £4,253.24

If you would like to set up a monthly

Standing Order, our bank details are:

**HSBC Bank: WRCDT Watford North**

Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account No: **81263439**

anned Giving: £572.88p Loose Plate £303.29p

Standing Orders£1897.33.

**TIONS FOR**

**24th April: £**

***Planned Giving: £ Loose Plate: £***

***Our total income received in March for***

***Standing Orders: p***

***Standing Order figures:***

***April £1,917.33 May £2,022.33***

**TIONS FOR**

**24th April: £**

***Planned Giving: £ Loose Plate: £***

***Our total income received in March for***

***Standing Orders: p***

My dear friends,

I would have liked to have had the opportunity to communicate publicly the contents of this brief letter, but unfortunately circumstances have prevented me.

I have taken leave of absence from the parish for personal reasons.

I will miss you all during this period.  Working and serving the community here at St. Helen’s has brought much joy to my heart and has been a very enriching experience.

I ask you all to pray for me during this period and I hope and pray I will see you all again soon.

God bless and be assured of my prayers for you and your families.



Fr. Peter Shekelton

 Parish Priest