**St Helen’s ChuRCH**

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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.”*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 / 2022**

The First Holy Communion children’s’ **Mass of Inscription** will take place next Saturday at the 18.00 Mass. This year we have 65 children on the programme - the largest number ever. Because of this, it is anticipated that there will be a very large attendance at this Mass so if you are able to attend a different Mass that would be helpful.

**NO MORE CHILDREN WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**ONTO THIS YEAR’S PROGRAMME.**

**ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**Admission Consultation Information**

St Joan of Arc is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2023/24 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community groups. The proposed changes are to remove **Criterion 2** and the need to supply a **Certificate of Catholic Practice.** Full information on this and where to submit your responses is on display in the Hall Lobby.

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS’ APPEAL**

Thank you to all those who supported this appeal last Sunday; the amount raised was £249.79. There are still some envelopes available in the Hall Lobby for donations if you missed last Sunday.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL “VINNIE PACK APPEAL”**

Thank you to all those who have already given a donation towards this annual appeal. The amount raised to date is £160.98. This will cover the cost of 43 Vinnie Packs.

**REPOSITORY**

There are still some Christmas items available.

**MISSIO CALENDARS 2022**

Available in the Hall Lobby. They are FREE. Please help yourself.

**Sunday 14th November 2021**

**33rd sunday in ordinary time**

 **Remembrance Sunday**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 13th** 10.00 Communion Service

18.00 Kathleen Evans (Intentions)

**Sun 14th** 09.00 Rachel Lynch R.I.P

11.00 Glyn Atkins R.I.P

18.00 Marion Kerfoot R.I.P

Mon 15th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tues 16th** 10.00 Communion Service

**Wed 17th** 10.00Communion Service

**Thurs 18th**  10.00 Communion Service

**Fri 19th** 10.00Communion Service

**Sat 20th** 10.00 Communion Service

 18.00 Hannibel Ayeh (Sick)

**Sun 21st** 09.00 William & Bride Kennedy R.I.P

 11.00 Holy Souls List

18.00 Joseph Fernando R.I.P

**CONFESSIONS AT LOCAL CHURCHES**

St Michael’s Church: Wednesday 19.30 – 20.00

& Saturday from 17.15 – 17.45 (also on request)

Holy Rood Church: Saturday at 11.30 & 17.00

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**CHURCH OPEN:** The church will be open for private prayer on Tues, Wed, and Thurs from 09.00 – 15.00.

The Hall Lobby will also be open at this time.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY**

11th December from 12.30. If you would like to attend this party then please write your name down on the list which can be found in the Hall Lobby. Please indicate if you require a lift.

**DO NOT PUT SOMEONE ELSE’S NAME DOWN.** This has caused problems in the past. If you can help with lifts on the day or have any queries regarding the party then please contact Judith on

01923 680702 or 07760 378881.

**THE LIST WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY 21/11/2021**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 7th November 2021**

Planned Giving £168.75 Loose Plate £371.16

Standing Orders for October £4,012.49

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***

**PURPOSE OF THE SYNOD**

*The purpose of the Synod … is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.’ Vademecum, Vatican’s Synod Preparation Document 32 2.1*

**RECALL OUR EXPERIENCES**

As a parish community, we are being asked to reflect on our experiences of our Church – including reflecting on the time of the pandemic. The following is a list of questions to help us focus on what we are being asked.

1. How is our “journeying together” as the Church happening today in our parish of St Helen’s ?
2. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?
3. What has the experience of the pandemic taught us about what it means to be Church?
4. “When we say ‘our Church’, who is part of it?” How does our particular Church ensure that everyone is part of the ‘journey’?
5. Who is missing?
6. What would you wish to celebrate about how our parish lives its mission?
7. What areas of mission are we neglecting?
8. Gather the fruits to share: What might the Holy Spirit be saying to us?
9. What steps might the Spirit be inviting us to take in order to make our communities more welcoming, inclusive and missionary?

Pope Francis is inviting **all of us to listen again to each other**, hearing experiences of faith with all its joys and disappointments, and to find new ways of strengthening each other. It is an opportunity for us to show our care for the family of the Church. *Cardinal Vincent Nichols Pastoral Letter, 3 October 2021.*

**“You are invited to take part in the Synod gathering in our parish.”**

*There are three sessions and you can attend whichever one suits you.*

**SYNOD GATHERINGS AT ST HELEN’S**

**Date Day Time Place**

24/11/2021 WEDNESDAY EVENING 7.30 - 9pm. Parish Hall

25/11/2021 THURSDAY MORNING 10.30am - 12.00md Parish Hall

28/11/2021 SUNDAY MORNING 10.30am (after 9 Mass) Parish Hall

**Synod Prayer**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen