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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.”*

**WELCOME TO FR VOY**

*This weekend we extend a very warm welcome to our new priest Fr Voy. Please do everything you can to support him and help him settle in.*

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**SYNOD GATHERINGS: ‘LISTENING EVENTS’**

As part of the Synodal journey there will be some **‘Listening Events’** organised in local Churches and the first of these will take place tomorrow evening (29/11) at St Michael’s Church with Bishop Paul McAleenan from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Booking is required for these through

**catadmin@rcdow.org.uk**

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES FROM JANUARY 2022**

I’m afraid that there will be changes to the Mass times from 01/01/2022.

**Weekday Masses:** 09.15

**Sunday Masses:** 09.00 & 11.00 only – there will be NO Sunday evening Mass.

**Confessions:**  Will take place on Saturdays at 08.30.

**Adoration & Benediction:** Will take place on the first Saturday of every month but the first one will be 08/01 because of New Year’s Day.

**Church & Hall:** Will be closed on Wednesdays.

Fr Voy.

**ST HELEN’S FOOD BANK**

We are going to open the Food Bank on the following dates / times to help families who may be struggling in the run-up to Christmas. We would appreciate any donations of food especially Christmas items.

08/12/2021 11.00 – 12.30

10/12/2021 10.45 – 12.00

15/12/2021 11.00 – 12.30

17/12/2021 10.45 – 12.00

Donations can be left in the Hall Lobby on

Tues, Wed, Thurs 09.00 – 15.00.

**Sunday 28th November 2021**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 27th** 09.00Confessions

10.00 Private Intention

18.00 Vito Caterina Priolu R.I.P

**Sun 28th** 09.00 Michael Staunton (Intentions)

11.00 Enright Family (Intentions)

18.00 Shaun Lennon R.I.P

Mon 29th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tues 30th** 10.00 Noreen Clancy R.I.P

**Wed 1st** 10.00 Cardinal Soter Fernandes R.I.P

**Thurs 2nd**  10.00 Ollie Cramer R.I.P

**Fri 3rd** 10.00 Damian Mc Donald R.I.P

**Sat 4th** 09.00 Confessions

10.00 Roy Barrett R.I.P

 18.00 Christine D’Cruz R.I.P

**Sun 5th** 09.00 Matt Robinson R.I.P

 11.00 Clare Watson & Edward Welsh R.I.P

18.00 da Costa family Intentions

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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.

**MARY’S MEALS: MINI CHRISTMAS CAKES**

Mini Christmas cakes will be available in the hall after the Sunday morning masses on the 5th and 12th of December. Proceeds from donations received for the cakes will be sent to Mary's Meals

 <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>  on behalf of the parish to help them in their work of feeding hungry school children. Please help support their work if you can. (Cake Baker – David Wright)

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

**CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

Will be issued this week on the following days / times

Tuesday between 14.00 – 14.45

Wednesday between 14.00 – 14.45

If you can’t one of these then please ring the Parish Office to book an appointment. 01923 223175

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

We are having a raffle to help raise funds for the parish. This year, we were not able to have any of our fundraising events which normally boosts the Church’s income by £3,000. Please support us by buying some raffle tickets which will be on sale after Masses from today. Tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5.

Thank you for continuing to support St Helen’s.

***The Social Committee***

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 21st November 2021**

Planned Giving £377.21 Loose Plate £130.50

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***

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021**

Penitential Service: 15/12/2021: 19.00

Christmas Eve Children’s Mass: 17.00

Christmas Eve Carol Service: 21.30

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass: 22.00

Christmas Day: 09.00 & 11.00 only

Sunday 26/12/2021: 09.00 & 11.00 only

Monday 27/12/2021: 10.00

Friday 31/12/2021: 10.00 & 20.30