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***Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy, joyous and peaceful Christmas and may you all have a good New Year. Thank you for making St Helen’s a friendly and compassionate community.***

*Fr Voy Przyjalkowski*

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O Lord God, full of love and compassion.

I have no idea where I am going.

1. I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself.

And that fact that I think

I am following your Will

does not mean that I am actually doing so

But I believe that the desire to return to you

does in fact please You.

And I hope I have that desire

in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything

apart from that desire to please You.

And I know that if I do this

You will lead me by the right road

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will trust You always

though I may seem to be lost

and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear

for You are ever with me

and you will never leave me

to make my journey alone.

by

Thomas Merton

**Sunday 26th december 2021**

The Feast of The Holy Family

**&**

**2nd january 2022**

2nd Sunday after Christmas

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR BOTH WEEKS**

**Sat 25th Christmas Day**

09.00 Cecilia Okeke R.I.P

11.00Myles Corcoran R.I.P

**Sun 26th Feast of the Holy Family**

09.00 Arokiasamy Family Intentions

11.00 Mary Mc Donald R.I.P

**Mon 27th** 10.00 Eliyamma Punnamkuzhy R.I.P

**Tues 28th** 10.00 Richard & Anastasia Atkins R.I.P

**Wed 29th** 10.00 Tom & Mary Dillon Intentions

**Thurs 30th** 10.00 Wendy Sterry R.I.P

**Fri 31st:** 10.00 Maureen Booth R.I.P

20.30 Parishioners

**Sat 1st:** No Confessions

10.00 Maureen Mc Donagh Sick

 18.00 Sr Margarita Foley Sick

**Sun 2nd** 09.00 Eddie & Stephen Foley R.I.P

11.00 Bridie O Shea R.I.P

**Mon3rd** 09.15Peter & Margaret Ennis Intentions

**Tues 4th** 09.15 Elizabeth Mc Phillips R.I.P

**Wed 5th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Thurs 6th Holyday: Feast of the Epiphany**

10.00 Arokiasamy family Intentions

19.00 Jerry Mc carthy R.I.P

**Fri:7th** 09.15 Eddie Sharkey R.I.P

**Sat: 8th 08.30** Confessions/Benediction/Adoration

09.15 Dom & Rose Currid Intentions

**Sun:9th** 09.00 Peter & Maureen Brennan R.I.P

11.00 Mary Welsh R.I.P

**Mon10th** 09.15Paddy & Margaret Barry Intentions

**Tues 11th:** 09.15 Mary Currid Intentions

**Wed 12th: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Thurs 13th:** 10.00Cecilia Mc Manus R.I.P

**Fri:14th** 09.15 Maura Dubay R.I.P

**Sat: 15th** 08.30Confessions

09.15 Carmel & Joe Burke Intentions

**Sun:16th** 09.00 Bridie O Shea R.I.P

11.00 Bo Rogers R.I.P

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

David would like to thank all those who bought his cakes in aid of Mary’s Meals; the amount raised is £292.70. This also includes donations from those that attended the Senior Citizen’s Lunch. David will Gift Aid this adding £73.05(365.25) and this figure will be doubled by **‘Double the Love’** on Go Funding bringing the total to £730.50 which will feed 44 children for a whole school year – amazing result!.

**CRIB APPEAL 2021: CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY**

Donations for this appeal can be put in the box on the sanctuary. Gift Aid envelopes are provided.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER WINNERS**

Jackie Hodgkinson Yellow Ticket No 319

Mary Downey Green Ticket No 41

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 19th December 2021**

Planned Giving £182.70 Loose Plate £279.04

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***

Pat Sharkey Green Ticket No 18

Patrick Mc Nulty Pink Ticket No 368

Ray Moore Pink Ticket No 582

Theresa Moore Pink Ticket No 511

Basil Sackett Green Ticket No 561

Congratulations to all our winners.

*A big thank you to Mary Jukhoop for organizing the raffle to help raise money for the parish and thank you to everyone who bought tickets. It raised £507 for parish funds which is brilliant.*

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

RCIA is a programme for adults that explains the Catholic faith and prepares candidates to be received into the Church. It will be a requirement of the programme that Candidates attend at least four Masses. If you or someone you know would like to join and be prepared for Baptism or Confirmation, then please email the Parish Office with your details and you will be contacted. Alternatively, you can collect a form from the Hall Lobby on Tues, Wed or Thurs. The programme is due to start 27/01/2022 from 19.30 – 20.30 (Thursday evenings).

**CONFIRMATION 2022**

Information regarding the next programme will be available in the New Year.

**HEALTH & SAFETY ADVICE OVER CHRISTMAS**

**PREMISES**

As we head into the middle of winter and the weather gets worse, please be mindful at all times when using the Church of your own personal safety. For example, slippery paths and steps which may have fallen leaves and other debris covering them. In the event of an accident, please be aware that it must be recorded on an Accident Form.

(forms available in the Sacristy & Hall kitchen)

**WORKING AT HEIGHT**

Lastly, all volunteers need to be aware that **under no circumstances** should they carry out any work at height without prior agreement with the parish priest; this is to ensure their safety.

**CANDLES**

When visiting the church over Christmas please be mindful that lots of candles are lit during this period. Most importantly, when lighting a candle, make sure there is nothing flammable anywhere near it.

**SCAFFOLD IN THE CAR PARK**

Please be mindful of the scaffold in the car park which will be in place until the work is completed.