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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.”*

**ALTAR SERVERS & THEIR FAMILIES**

I would like to have a ‘pow-wow’ with you all on Friday 10th December at 7pm in the Church and share with you my thoughts about your very important role to this community. Please make an effort to attend. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. Fr Voy.

**HOLY ROOD SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT**

This year, to help re-connect the children with our parish following COVID, the school choir will visit St Helen’s over two days to **RECORD** their annual concert. The recording will take place in the Church on 08/12 & 09/12 and because of this, the Church will be out of bounds from **11.00 – 15.00** on both of those days

**CHRISTMAS POSTERS**

Available at the back (in the Newsletter basket). Please spread the true meaning of Christmas by taking one and displaying in your front window.

from 11.00 – 15.00. Apologies for any inconvience.

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

Mini Christmas cakes will be available in the hall after Sunday morning masses today and next Sunday. Proceeds from donations received for the cakes will be sent to Mary's Meals. Please help support their work if you can. (Cake Baker – David Wright)

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

**ST HELEN’S FOOD BANK**

Will be open on the following days / times

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

If you know of someone who may be struggling, then please make them aware of our Food Bank.

*Donations would be most welcome and can be left in the Hall Lobby on Tues, Wed, Thurs 09.00 – 15.00*

**Sunday 5th DECEMBER 2021**

**2ND Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 4th** 09.00Confessions

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)

Mon 6th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Tues 7th** 10.00 Teresa Donnelly R.I.P

**Wed 8th** 10.00 Arokiasamy family (Thanksgiving)

**Thurs 9th**  10.00 Bernadette Roache R.I.P

**Fri 10th** 10.00 Margaret Mc Donald R.I.P

**Sat 11th** 09.00 Confessions

10.00 Marian Group (Intentions)

 18.00 Patricia Brooks R.I.P

**Sun 12th** 09.00 Michael O Sullivan R.I.P

11.00 Peter Linskey R.I.P

18.00 da Costa family (Intentions)

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**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES / SERVICES 2021**

Penitential Service: 15/12/2021 19.00

Christmas Eve Children’s Mass: 17.00

*(additional information for this mass on the reverse)*

Christmas Eve Carol Service: 21.30

Christmas Eve Late Evening Mass: 22.00

Christmas Day: Masses at 09.00 & 11.00 only

Sunday 26/12/2021: Masses at 09.00 & 11.00 only

Monday 27/12/2021: Mass 10.00

Tuesday 28/12/2021: Mass 10.00

Wednesday 29/12/2021: Mass 10.00

Thursday 30/12/2021: Mass 10.00

Friday 31/12/2021: Mass 10.00 & 20.30

Saturday 01/01/2022: Mass 09.15

Saturday 02/01/2022: Mass 18.00

Sunday 03/01/2022: Masses 09.00 & 11.00 only

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

Tickets for this are selling slowly. One of the issues is that there is not always someone available to sell tickets after all the weekend Masses. Therefore, if you would like to support the Church by buying tickets, then simply put your name, money and contact number in an envelope marked Christmas Hamper Raffle, and post through the Presbytery door. The draw will take place after 10.00 Mass on Thursday 16th December.

**ST HELEN’S 50 – 50 NOVEMBER DRAW**

No. 97 - Michael EARLEY - £60

No. 77 - Theresa MOORE - £45

No. 99 - Peter PEARCE - £30

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE OF NEWSLETTER**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES FROM JANUARY 2022**

**Monday Mass 09.15**

**Tuesday Mass 09.15**

**Wednesday**: NO Mass but the Church will be open for private prayer from 09.00 – 15.00

**Thursday Mass: 10.00**

**Friday Mass 09.15**

**Saturday Confessions: 08.30**

**Saturday Mass: 09.15**

**Saturday Mass: 18.00**

***Saturday 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.*

**Sunday Masses: 09.00 & 11.00 only**

**NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

*The Church will be open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 09.00 – 15.00*

*The Hall Lobby will be open on the same days and times*

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 5PM**

Children are invited to come dressed up as Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds, Wise Men, etc. Also, if your child would like to do a Reading, take up the Offertory, Bidding Prayer etc then please write their name on the sheet which is available in the Hall Lobby. Please include an email address / contact number so that we can send you any relevant information. If your child is doing a Reading or Bidding Prayer please make sure you arrive at least 15 minutes before the Mass starts so that your child can have a practice.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Next Wednesday evening at 7pm the choir will meet in the Church loft to practice their hymns for Christmas. You are most welcome to join them.

**Contact: Jeff 07771 346872**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 28th November 2021**

Planned Giving £258.10 Loose Plate £340.94

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***

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