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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 the 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

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**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

There will be a preparation session on the 12/02/2022 at 11.00 in the hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

All those who have served on the parish council (old and new) are invited to a meeting on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7pm. Fr Voy.

**Sunday 30th january 2022**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time’

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat:29th** 08.30Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Anton Fernando R.I.P

 18.00 Michael Ryan R.I.P & Anton Fernando R.I.P

**Sun: 30th**09.00 Nora Clancy R.I.P

11.00 Mary Pepe R.I.P & Juanita Hannifin R.I.P & Nanna Hannifin R.I.P

**Mon 31st** 09.15 Jerry Mc Carthy R.I.P

**Tues 1st** 09.15 Billy Mc Mahon R.I.P

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 2nd Presentation of the Lord**

10.00Parishioners

**Thurs 3rd** 10.00 Anna Ponzini R.I.P

**Fri: 4th** 09.15 Thanksgiving Mass

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Sat: 5th** 08.30Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Bernadette Pearce R.I.P

18.00 Charlie Ward R.I.P

**Sun: 6th** 09.00 Iris Otero R.I.P

11.00 Special Intention for Healing

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**CONFIRMATION 2022**

This year’s programme will begin in April and

Application Forms are now available from the Hall Lobby. You can also download it from our webpage. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 17th June 2022 at 7pm. Closing date for applications is 27/03/2022.

**MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP 7pm**

Takes place in the Presbytery and is led by Peter Arokiasamy. **All welcome.**

**7 NIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2022**

From 12th – 19th August. Bookings can be made with Peter & Mariette Arokiasamy on

(M) 07758 666123 / (P) 07977 516561

Bookings made before 31/01/2022 will be entitled to a £30 discount. (See poster in the Hall Lobby)

**There are 3 places left.**

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

If you would like to join the programme this year then please complete a form which is available from the Hall Lobby. Start date to be decided.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR**

23/01/2022Loose Plate £271.55p

 Planned Giving £143.60p

Standing Orders for December 2021 £4,152.49

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**

*Thank you for your continued support of the Church with your donations- it is greatly appreciated.*

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***

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**ST HELEN’S 50-50 FUND**

**2022 Membership Renewal**

The current year concludes on 27/03/2022 with the last draw of the current year.

Thank you to all those who have supported the Fund over the years.

The following 4 charities benefitted from the Fund in 2021.

**Priests’ Sick & Retired Fund:** £435.00

**Peace Hospice Care:** £435.00

**Mary’s Meals:** £435.00

**St Helen’s Church:** £435.00

This will be my last year running the Fund which I have done for 15years. If you or someone you know would be interested in taking over the running of the Fund then please email the Parish Office with your contact details.

As in previous years we need the ‘MAGIC 100’ Members to make the Fund viable*. (If we don’t reach this number then all subscriptions will be returned).*

Application Forms and Envelopes are attached to your Newsletter and are also available from the Hall Lobby. Completed forms can be returned by post or pop them through the Presbytery letterbox.

Thank you.

**Richard McPhillips**

St Helen’s 50-50 Fund Organiser.

**SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL 3RD – 5TH FEBRUARY**

Takes place at St Albans Cathedral as follows:

Thur & Fri 10am – 4pm & Sat 10am – 3.30pm.

There are a variety of events running throughout each day. If you click on the link it will take you to the diocesan website where you will find a full list of events which are FREE but you are advised to book.

[www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival)

**GIFT AIDERS’ REMINDER**

A reminder to all those who Gift Aid their donation, that if your circumstances have changed and you can no longer be a Gift Aider, then please email the Parish Office to let us know. This is very important when we near the end of the current tax year in March.

Gift Aiding your donation, allows us to reclaim the tax paid by you which is 25p for every £1 you donate.

In 2021, we received £16,386.48 from Gift Aid which is a great boost to our income.

If you have not signed up to Gift Aid and would like to do so, then please email the Parish Office.

**Mass of Thanksgiving**

**for the Sacrament of Matrimony**

**at westminster cathedral**

**Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5**th **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of a Catholic marriage. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year then please take and complete one of the forms from the Hall Lobby and return to the Parish Office by the **27th March** at the latest.