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*My gratitude to you all for making our Christmas celebrations so joyous and meaniingful. May the Spirit of Christmas be in us all year round. On a more personal note, I thank you for your generous Christmas gifts.*

*From now on, if you have a Mass Intention please come and see me so I can arrange the Mass for you.*

***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 9th january 2022**

‘The Baptism of our Lord’

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR BOTH WEEKS**

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

09.15 Dom & Rose Currid Intentions

18.00 Steve Wiles R.I.P

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

11.00 Mary Welsh R.I.P

 NO EVENING MASS

**Mon10th** 09.15Paddy & Margaret Barry Intentions

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

 Adoration & Benediction after Mass

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

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

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

Adoration & Benediction after Mass

**Sat: 15th** 08.30Confessions

09.15 Carmel & Joe Burke Intentions

18.00 Jimmy & Mary Currid Intentions

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

11.00 Bo Rogers R.I.P

NO EVENING MASS

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**CRIB APPEAL 2021**

Thank you for your generous donations to this appeal: so far it has raised £265.11 for the Catholic Children’s Society. It is not too late to give a donation and envelopes are provided next to the crib.

**SPUC ANNUAL APPEAL**

Speakers from The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will be at both our morning Masses next Sunday 16th January.  They will speak briefly about the dangers of home abortions being promoted by the Government during the Covid crisis and the difficulties some University pro-life groups are now experiencing. There will be postcards to sign that will then be presented to the Prime Minister and some stickers for you to wear. There will be a basket at the front of the Church for donations.

**SYNOD 2022 PART 2**

The second phase of the process will move from “reflection” and will focus on “who we would like to be as a parish?” There will be three sessions for parishioners to come and share their ideas and suggestions as follows. Please try and come and support this:

12/01/2022 7.30 - 9pm - Parish Hall

13/01/2022 10.30am - 12.00md - Parish Hall

16/01/2022 10.30am (after 9 Mass) - Parish Hall

**CONFIRMATION 2022**

This year’s programme will begin in March and

Application Forms will be available shortly. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 17th June 2022 at 7pm.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OVERLEAF

**MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP**

Begins this Monday 10th at 7pm. It will take place in the Church but access is via the Sacristy.

The group is led by Peter Arokiasamy.

**All welcome.**

**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).

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**18th – 25th January 2022**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world’s diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. For resources, go to

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR**

25/12/2021 Loose Plate £754.86

Planned Giving £320.50

26/12/2021Loose Plate £127.98

 Planned Giving £156.00

02/01/2022Loose Plate £274.12

 Planned Giving £119.00

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**

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