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O Lord God, full of love and compassion.

I have no idea where I am going.

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

**Sunday 27th february 2022**

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 26th** 08.30Confessions/Exposition/Adoration

09.15 Zoltan Szalai R.I.P

18.00 Marion Kerfoot R.I.P

**Sun 27th** 09.00 Ita Dornan & Mark Flaherty R.I.P

11.00 Mary Fothergill R.I.P

**Mon 28th** 09.15Holy Souls

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

**Tues 1st** 09.15 Tsonka & Angel Davranova Anniv

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 2nd ASH WEDNESDAY**

10.00 Mass for Parishioners

 19.00 Mass for Parishioners

**Thurs 3rd** 10.00Butler family Intentions

**Fri 4th** 09.15 Sheila Pascall R.I.P

 Stations of the Cross after Mass

**Sat 5th** 08.30

Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Ruth O’Gorman R.I.P

18.00 Gordon & Eileen Sheridan Sick

**Sun 6th** 09.00 Tim Sheehan R.I.P

11.00 Tom Muja R.I.P

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**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY ‘Encountering the Spirit’**

Is a resource that is available to help us on our Lenten journey which begins this week. We are called to share prayer, life and faith. A small number of copies are available from the Hall Lobby and are ideal for small groups. More copies can be printed.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

The Stations will be said after Mass on Friday.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

New members who will be appointed, please come to a meeting on **March 3rd at 7pm** in the Presbytery.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022**

Applications are invited from young people who are in school Yr10 to apply for this year’s programme. Forms are available from the Hall Lobby or can be downloaded from our website. The programme will begin on 20/04/2022. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 17th June 2022 at 7pm. Closing date for applications is **27/03/2022.**

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**ST PATRICK’S DAY 17/03/2022**

**Masses at 10.00 & 19.00**

The morning Mass will be offered in support of all those who have supported Irish & Ethnic communities across London. There will be traditional Irish refreshments offered in the hall after Mass and also there will be a **Cake Sale** to raise money for BIAS (Brent Irish Advisory Centre). After this, there is a group going to Cricklewood for a traditional Bacon & Cabbage lunch and if you would like to join them then please contact **Sarah Finucane 07931 342818.**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

The next session will take place in the Parish Hall on 05/03/2022. If you have not attended a preparation session already and have a Baptism Booked (regardless of date/month) you are welcome to attend.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral**

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

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of a Catholic marriage. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please complete the form which is now available in the Hall Lobby and return to the Parish Office by the **27/03/2022** at the latest. The Cardinal will be sending out invitations to each couple nearer the time.

**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

**ST HELEN’S 50-50 FUND2022**

**Membership Renewal**

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

Application Forms and Envelopes are available from the Hall Lobby or can be downloaded from our Website. Completed forms can be returned by post or pop them through the Presbytery letterbox.

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*

Thank you.

**Richard McPhillips**

St Helen’s 50-50 Fund Organiser.

**BIBLE STUDY COURSE – REFUNDS**

For those of you who can remember, this course, was planned to take place in 2020, but was cancelled because of COVID. If you signed up and paid the £5 nominal fee, you can now have this money returned to you. Please email the Parish Office or pop in to the office on a Tues, Wed, Thurs between 09.00 -15.00. Any refunds not claimed by **24/03/2022** will be banked in the Parish Development Fund and used for Church projects. Annette

**HOLY WEEK 2022**

11/04/2022 19.00 Penitential Service

14/04/2022 19.00 Mass of the Lord’s Supper

15/04/2022 12.00 Stations of the Cross

15.00 The Passion of Our Lord

16/04/2022 20.00 Vigil Mass

17/04/2022 Masses at 09.00 & 11.00

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 20/02/2022** Loose Plate £216.50

 Planned Giving £116.70

Standing Orders for January 2022 £4,041.62

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 donation; 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***