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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

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**social committee meeting**

All members are invited to attend a meeting on Friday 18th March at 7pm in the hall. Fr Voy

**Sunday 13th march 2022**

2nd Sunday of Lent

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 12th** 08.30Confessions/Exposition/Adoration

09.15 Mary Roche Intentions

18.00 Theresa Barry R.I.P

**Sun 13th**09.00 Patricia O Sullivan R.I.P

11.00 Joe Sweeney R.I.P

**Mon 14th** 09.15Joseph Silva & Sr Catherine Joy R.I.P

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

**Tues 15th** 09.15 Eileen & Gordon Sheridan Sick

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 16th CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thurs 17th** 10.00 Willie Downey R.I.P

**Fri 18th** 09.15 Myles Corcoran R.I.P

Stations of the Cross after Mass

**Sat 19th** 08.30

Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Tita family thanksgiving

18.00 Mary Lawlor Sick

**Sun 20th** 09.00 Honoria Mc Keown R.I.P

11.00 Thanksgiving

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**CAFOD’S LENTEN APPEAL (Ukraine & Sierra Leone)**

CAFOD’s collection will be taken up today; please place your envelope / donation in the basket at the front of the Church. Envelopes are still available from the Hall Lobby or you can donate directly by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/Lent). Please Gift Aid your donation if possible.

**\*\*UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL\*\***

**#HELPUKRAINE**

Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland are working on the ground along with the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK and Ukrainian Cultural organizations to help raise funds for this appeal.

As a parish community, we are united in supporting the people of Ukraine by offering up the Rosary every day. We have also sent a donation of £1,000 from parish funds to help provide blankets and medical supplies.

If you would like to make your own donation then please use one of these methods.

* Take an envelope from the Hall Lobby and put your donation in it and return to the Parish Office.
* Use GoFundMe page <https://rb.gy/dcqgcc>
* Direct to the Central Appeal Fund

AUGB Ltd, 80038237, 20-65-89 using reference **HelpUkraine**

**If paying by cheque please make it payable to**

**AUGB LTD-Central Fund and send directly to**

Ukranian Catholic Eparchy of The Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21022 Binney St, London W1K 5 BQ

**LORETTO LENTEN CAKE SALE**

Next Sunday, three young parishioners, Pippa, Gabriela & Samantha will hold a CAKE SALE after the 11am mass. This is their Lenten School Project.

All proceeds will go to a school in Sudan.

**ST PATRICK’S DAY 17/03/2022**

**Mass at 10.00**

The 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.**

**ST PATRICK’S DAY RAFFLE**

Tickets for this will be on sale after Masses. All proceeds will go to BIAS.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022**

A reminder that the closing date for applications is

**27/03/2022.** The programme will begin on 20/04/2022. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 17th June 2022 at 7pm. Forms are available from the Hall Lobby or can be downloaded from our website. [www.rcdow.org.uk/watfordnorth](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/watfordnorth)

**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.

**ST HELEN’S 50-50 FUND2022**

**Membership Renewal**

To date, we have 70 members signed up and 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.*  Forms 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.

**Richard McPhillips**

St Helen’s 50-50 Fund Organiser.

**REPOSITORY**

First Holy Communion items will be available on Sunday mornings from 09.45 – 10.45. Cards, badges, bracelets, rosaries etc available

**FOOD BANK - EASTER EGGS WANTED**

Although our Food Bank is ‘officially’ closed, we are still helping families in need on a regular basis. To be able to give the children of these families a ‘treat’ at Easter, we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs please. They can be dropped off to the Parish Office on Mon, Tues, Thur between 09.00 –15.00.

**HOLY WEEK 2022**

11/04/2022 19.00 Penitential Service

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

15/04/2022 10.00 Stations of the Cross

15.00 The Passion of Our Lord

16/04/2022 20.30 Vigil Mass

17/04/2022 Masses at 09.00 & 11.00

24/04/2022 Divine Mercy Service & Mass 14.30pm

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 06/03/2022**

Loose Plate £326.73

Planned Giving £142.70

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.*

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