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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 20th march 2022**

3rd Sunday of Lent

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 19th** 08.30Confessions/Exposition/Adoration

09.15 Tita family thanksgiving

18.00 Mary Lawlor Sick

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

11.00 Thanksgiving

**Mon 21st** 09.15 John Roche R.I.P

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

**Tues 22nd** 09.15 Franciszek Guzik R.I.P

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 23rd CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thurs 24th** 10.00 Sean & Neville Roche R.I.P

**Fri 25th** 09.15 Arokiasamy family Intentions

Stations of the Cross after Mass

**Sat 26th** 08.30

Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Shaun & Patrick Lennon R.I.P

18.00 Ann Earley R.I.P

**Sun 27th** 09.00 Seamie Hennessey R.I.P

11.00 Elzbieta & Franciszek Guzik R.I.P

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**Dear Community of St Helen,**

We now have a new Pastoral / Parish Council since last week. They will be representing the Spiritual & Pastoral care of our parish and will enrich the quality of parish life. The new members of the council are

Fr Voy President

Peter Arokiasamy Chair

Jeff Pratley Deputy Chair

Sadie Vile Secretary

Mirela Muja Member

Yvonne Dieobi Member

Janice Cullen Member

John Mc Andrew Member

**Blessings, Fr Voy**

**CAFOD’S LENTEN APPEAL**

Thank you to all who supported this appeal last week. The figure will be published in next week’s Newsletter. 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.

**LORETTO LENTEN CAKE SALE**

Three of our young parishioners, Pippa, Gabriela & Samantha will hold a CAKE SALE after the 11am mass today. This is their Lenten School Project.

All proceeds will go to a school in Sudan.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The envelopes for the new year have arrived and will be available after Masses next weekend.

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

**#HELPUKRAINE**

Thanks to all those who have responded to this appeal.

You can still donate by one of the following ways

* 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

**REPOSITORY**

First Holy Communion items are now available after Sunday morning Masses from 09.45 – 10.45.

Cards, badges, bracelets, rosaries etc available

**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)

**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 09.15 Weekday Mass

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

19.00 Penitential Service

12/04/2022 09.15 Weekday Mass

13/04/2022 CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

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 Easter Saturday Vigil Mass 20.30

17/04/2022 Easter Sunday Masses

09.00 & 11.00

18/04/2022 – 22/04/2022

Weekday Masses as normal

23/04/2022 08.30 Confessions

09.15 Mass

Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Saturday Vigil Mass 18.00

24/04/2022 Divine Mercy Sunday Masses

09.00, 11.00

Divine Mercy Service & Mass 13.30pm

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

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

A reminder that next Sunday is the closing date for this and all forms must be received by then.

**ST HELEN’S 50-50 FUND2022**

**Membership Renewal**

To date, we have 77 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.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 13/03/2022**

Figures published next week.

Standing Orders for February 2022 £4,033.49

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 donation; it is greatly appreciated.*

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