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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

Dear Mothers. May all of you walk in peace, joy and health.

Blessings, Fr Voy

**Sunday 27th march 2022**

4th Sunday of Lent

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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

**Mon 28th** 09.15 Ann Lowney R.I.P

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

**Tues 29th** 09.15 People of the Ukraine

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 30th CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thurs 31st** 10.00 Angela Whelehan R.I.P

**Fri 1st** 09.15 Thanksgiving

 Stations of the Cross after Mass

**Sat 2nd** 08.30

Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Margaret Nsoh R.I.P

18.00 Marion Albert R.I.P

**Sun 3rd** 09.00 Liam O Shea R.I.P

11.00 Deceased Egan family

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**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022**

A reminder that the closing date for applications is

**TODAY.**

**CAFOD’S LENTEN APPEAL**

Thank you to all who supported this appeal last week. The amount raised is £466.28 (this does not include 2 chqs made payable directly to CAFOD for £175.00). 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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The envelopes for the new year have arrived and are available from the back of the Church after Sunday Masses. Alternatively, they can be picked up from the Parish Office on Mon, Tues or Thurs between 09.00 – 15.00

**REPOSITORY**

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

Cards, badges, bracelets, rosaries etc available

**ST HELEN’S SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Would like to invite new members to join the committee and help with parish events. Please email either Jackie or Theresa.

jackie@2020site.co.uk tmoore@email.com

**FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

24/04/2022: Divine Mercy Service & Mass 13.30 (followed by refreshments in the hall)

04/06/2022: Family BBQ after 18.00 Mass

01/07/2022: Mass 19.00 + Annette’s Retirement Party.

16/07/2022: Summer Fayre 12.00 -14.00

**SALE OF MINI SIMNEL CAKES**

David Wright, who made the delicious Christmas mini cakes, is busy making mini Simnel cakes to sell in aid of CAFOD’s Ukraine Appeal. The cakes will be on sale on **Palm Sunday only** (10/04) after 09.00 & 11.00 Masses.

**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 Easter Octave

**Weekday Masses at 10.00**

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

***Followed by refreshments in the hall.***

**FOOD BANK OPEN - EASTER EGGS WANTED**

Our Food Bank will be open on 04/04/2022 from 11.00 – 13.00. If you know of someone who is struggling then let them know.

Although ‘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. Thank you to all those who have already donated Easter Eggs.

**ST HELEN’S 50-50 FUND2022**

**Membership Renewal**

Thank you to all those who responded to my plea last weekend; we have now reached the **MAGIC 100.** The first draw will take place after 09.00 mass today. Completed forms can be returned by post or pop them through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you for your continued support of the Fund.

**Richard McPhillips**

St Helen’s 50-50 Fund Organiser.

**UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL**

Thanks to all those who have responded to this appeal. To date we have raised £135.00. (many people have donated directly)

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

**MOZART’S REQUIEM**

Holy Rood Church in Watford is hosting a performance of the Mozart requiem on Friday 8th April at 19:45. Gerry O'Beirne is directing the Croxley Green Community Choir, soloists and a small orchestra. Proceeds will be shared between the Watford Peace Hospice and the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please see the Flyer in the Hall Lobby for details on how to get tickets.

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

Loose Plate £ 212.46 Planned Giving £ 202.80

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 20/03/2022**

Loose Plate £242.34 Planned Giving £150.36

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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