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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

**EASTER posters**

Please take a poster from the back and display in your window in Holy Week.

**Sunday 3rd april 2022**

5th Sunday of Lent

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 2nd** 08.30Confessions/Exposition/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

**Mon 4th** 09.15 Mary O Neal Intentions

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

**Tues 5th** 09.15 Charlie Ward R.I.P

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 6th CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thurs 7th** 10.00 Eucharistic Service

**Fri 8th** 09.15 Eucharisitc Service

 Stations of the Cross after Service

**Sat 9th** 08.30

Confessions/Exposititon/Adoration

09.15 Siobhan O’Sullivan R.I.P

18.00 Thanksgiving

**Sun 10th PALM SUNDAY**

09.00 Richard Kennedy R.I.P

11.00 Catherine Sugrue R.I.P

**HOLY WEEK**

11/04/2022 09.15 Mass Mary Conlon R.I.P

*Followed by Exposition & Adoration*

19.00 Penitential Service

12/04/2022 09.15 Mass Parishioners

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

*Collection for Holy Places after service*

16/04/2022 Easter Vigil 20.30

17/04/2022 Easter Sunday

09.00 Mass Parishioners

11.00 Mass Parishioners

**OCTAVE OF EASTER**

18/04/2022 10.00 Mass Joe Heraty R.I.P

19/04/2022 10.00 Mass Whitney family R.I.P

20/04/2022 CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

21/04/2022 10.00 Mass Joe Heraty R.I.P

22/04/2022 10.00 Mass Parishioners

23/04/2022 08.30 Confessions

09.15 Mass Shaun Lennon R.I.P

*Followed by Exposition & Adoration*

18.00 Mass Michael Donnelly R.I.P

24/04/2022 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

09.00 Peter & Mariette Arokiasamy Ints

11.00 Philippe & Danielle Ng See Cheong R.I.P

13.30 St Faustina Documentary

14.30 Divine Mercy Service

15.30 Mass

*Followed by refreshments in the hall.*

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEW MEMBERS NEEDED**

To help Jackie and her team with our forthcoming events as follows. Any help, no matter how small is appreciated:

**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.

**MASS AT WESTMINSTER FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

Important information for the 7 couples from the parish going to Westminster for the special Mass on 14/05. This year, the invitation will be sent via email only directly to each couple. If for any reason, you do not receive it then please contact the Parish Office.

**ST HELEN’S 50 50 FUND MARCH DRAW**

Thank you to all those who have enrolled for the new year. We now have 118 members which is great. Our first draw of the year has now taken place and the results are as follows:

1st Prize £60 Danuta HAYWARD No 41

2nd Prize £40 Michelle BLACK No 90

3rd Prize £25 Caroline GINTY No 69

**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

**FOOD BANK OPEN**

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.

PLEASE BRING IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BRING YOUR OWN BAGS

**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 which will be on sale on the door as well.

**FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING**

It is a requirement of all parishes in the diocese to have Fire Marshals in attendance at Masses so that in the event of a fire, there are people who can help direct people from the Church.

Louise Mahon from the diocese is coming to do a training session on the 30/04/2022 from 12.00 – 14.00 and all those who have helped as Stewards during COVID are invited to attend as it is hoped they will take on this role. The more helpers we have, the better so if you feel you would like to help with this then please come.

**\*\* LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED \*\***

Next Sunday, there will be a sheet in the Hall Lobby where you can write your name down or alternatively, email the Parish Office as we need to know how many to cater for.

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

Loose Plate £ 307.81

Planned Giving £175.51

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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