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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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**UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL**

See reverse for details.

**Sunday 6th march 2022**

1st Sunday of Lent

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 5th** 08.30Confessions/Exposition/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

**Mon 7th** 09.15Audrey Hunt Sick

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

**Tues 8th** 09.15 Joe Sweeney R.I.P

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

**Wed 9th CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thurs 10th** 10.00 Thomas & Josephine O Grady R.I.P

**Fri 11th** 09.15 Theresa Donnelly R.I.P

 Stations of the Cross after Mass

**Sat 12th** 08.30

Confessions/Exposititon/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

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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.

**CAFOD’S LENTEN APPEAL**

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world especially in the Ukraine and Sierra Leone. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families in these countries, enabling local experts to provide support in times of need and conflict. Please take a CAFOD envelope which is available on the church benches or can be picked up from the Hall Lobby. Donations can also be made directly by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/Lent). Please Gift Aid your donation if possible. Envelopes can be returned next Sunday and placed in the basket at the front of the Altar.

**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.

**\*\*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, firstly, by saying the Rosary every day and secondly, we are also sending £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**

**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)

**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 20.30 Vigil Mass

17/04/2022 Masses at 09.00 & 11.00

24/04/2022 Devotion to Divine Mercy 14.30pm

**CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL**

The Cardinal’s Lenten appeal helps to raise funds for those in hardship in the diocese. If you would like to support this, then please take an envelope from the Hall Lobby and return to the Parish Office with your donation or place in the Offertory Collection.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

The next session will take place in the Parish Hall on 12/03/2022. 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.

**ST HELEN’S 50-50 FUND2022**

**Membership Renewal**

The current year concludes on 27/03/2022 with the last draw of the current year. To date, we have only 60 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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 2702/2022** Loose Plate £222.29

 Planned Giving £218.55

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***

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