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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 1st may 2022**

3rd Sunday of Easter

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 30th 08.30

Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

09.15 Zoltan Szalai R.I.P

**10.00 FHC First Confessions**

18.00 Pat Roche R.I.P

Sun 1st 09.00 Tommy Walsh R.I.P

11.00 Patricia Olohan R.I.P

Mon 2nd 09.15 Zena Rogers R.I.P

19.00 PRAYER GROUP (Presbytery)

Tues 3rd 09.15 Maura Tackney R.I.P

Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Wed 4th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

Thurs 5th 10.00 Eucharist Service

**LOCAL ELECTIONS IN HALL ALL DAY**

Fri 6th 09.15 Jennifer’s Intentions

Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Sat 7th 08.30

Confessions / Exposition / Adoration

09.15 Alfredo Da Silva R.I.P

**15.00 First Holy Communion**

18.00 Harpil Monteirq R.I.P

Sun 8th 09.00 Genevieve Buscharini R.I.P

11.00 John Coyle R.I.P

**14.00** **First Holy Communion**

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**WATFORD CATENIANS**

Members of the Watford Catenians will speak at Masses this weekend.

**VACANCY: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Following the retirement of Annette, we require a Parish Administrator here at St Helen’s. Full details of the position and application process will be available on the Westminster job site from next week at **jobs.rcdow.org.uk**. Please apply directly to the diocese and **NOT** through the parish. Fr Voy.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be returned next week with your donation. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**“THE SPLENDOUR OF CARING”**

Sr Dr Kathleen Murphy is the author of this book and she will be visiting our parish on 22/05/2022 to promote it at 09.00 & 11.00 Masses. Copies will be available on that day. Please support her cause.

**MASS AT WESTMINSTER: 14TH MAY**

The invitations for this Mass on the 14th May went out this week via email and all those going should have received one during the week. If you are one of the couples going and did **NOT** receive one then please contact the Parish Office **IMMEDIATELY** so that it can be followed up.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

All the children made their First Confession yesterday and over the next two weekends will make their First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.

**REPOSITORY**

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

Cards, badges, bracelets, rosaries etc available

**SUNDAY MASS SLIDES**

We need some volunteers to help with typing up the Readings etc for our weekend Masses. If you can help with this, please email or ring the Parish Office with your contact details.

**FUNDRAISING EVENT: DAVID CONNELL**

I am taking part in the Ride London-Essex 100 challenge – a unique opportunity to ride 100 miles on traffic-free roads through the heart of London and neighbouring Essex.

Two years ago, our daughter Aoife was diagnosed with Childhood Absence Epilepsy. We reached out to Epilepsy Society to try to understand more about this condition and received a huge amount of support and advice.

Since this diagnosis, through talking to friends, we have come to realise that we know many other families who are affected with epilepsy in different forms and just how common it is.

Epilepsy Society is a local charity who need funds to continue to support other families like ourselves.

Please help me raise some much needed funds for this wonderful charity

Please use this link to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-connell1982>

Thank you. David

**HOME WANTED FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILY**

A home is wanted for a mother and daughter only. If you can help then please ring or email the Parish Office with your details.

(The mum has a pet allergy)

**ST HELEN’S 50 – 50 FUND MARCH 2022 DRAW**

1st Prize £60 James Denham No 121

2nd Prize £40 Elizabeth Donnelly No 50

3rd Prize £25 Frances Randell No 109

Congratulations to all of our winners.

**APF RED BOXES**

It is time to bring in your box for emptying. Please leave on the table at the back of the Church and it will be left back there for collection when emptied.

**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**

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

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 24/04/2022**

Planned Giving £132.50 Loose Plate £264.52

Standing Orders for March 2022  £4,024.49

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 donations; it is greatly appreciated.*

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