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If our Christianity is merely a set of

exterior practices camouflaging a life of compromise with the weakness and hypocrisy of the world, we fail in our mission to manifest the hidden Nature of God to men in our own lives. We fail to let people know, by the spirituality and purity and strength of our own lives, that God is love, and that he loves them all as he loves his own son, and that he wants them all to recover their true identity as his sons and daughters.

by

Thomas Merton

**INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTEERING**

Thursday 29th September 2022, 13:00 - 14:00- Online

Find out how to get started with volunteering in a role you love during this free session run by the Caritas Volunteer Service team.

Please register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-volunteering-tickets-401315685017>

**Sunday 25th September 2022**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 24th 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

09.15 Bill Wright R.I.P.

10:00 Enrolment for FHC.

13:00 Baptism: Van Cauwenbergh

18:00 Meribel Niellson - wellbeing

Sun 25th 09.00 Peter Pumilia R.I.P.

 11:00 Bill Wright R.I.P.

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Mon 26th 09.15 Sarah

Tues 27th 09:15 The Hogan family

Wed 28th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs 29th 10.00 Margaret Worthington

Fri 30th 09.15 Martin Goonan (1 month)

 19:00 Certificates (for schools)

Sat 1st 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

09.15 Andrew McPhillips (Anniversary)

11:00 Baptism: Karia

12:30 Baptism: Pinto

 18:00 Marian Albert R.I.P.

Sun 2nd 09.00 Papal Blessing:

11.00 Marin & Angel Davranov R.I.P.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The second enrolment date for First Holy Communion is Thursday 6 October at 19:00. Forms will be given out for completion at this session (baptismal church and date will be needed). £25.00 will also be required to cover the cost of the two books for the programme. Spaces are limited and priority will be given to families who reside in the parish.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Baptismal Preparation will take place on the second Saturday of every month, in the Parish Hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

**CELEBRATING 45 years of Caritas St Joseph’s**

You are invited to join us as we celebrate 45 years of the mission of Caritas St Joseph’s – supporting those with intellectual disabilities both at the lifelong learning centre in Hendon, and in our communities.

**Saturday 8th October Mass of Celebration at Westminster Cathedral 2.00PM, followed by refreshments.** Email Gail Williams gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING**

The next Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Thursday 13th October at 19:00 in the Parish Hall.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

New parishioners are always very welcome. Please introduce yourselves to Fr Voy after mass.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

For anyone wishing to obtain a ‘Certificate of Catholic Practice’, please print and complete the relevant form <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions> and bring it along to the parish hall on Friday 30 September 2022 at 19:00. If you cannot attend this session, please see Fr Voy with your completed form after mass the same week.

**SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS**

***Loreto College, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts***

Open Evening will take place on **27 September 2022.**

***St Joan of Arc Catholic School***

Open Evening 6 October 2022 and Open Morning 7 October 2022. Please see poster in hall for details.

**STUDENTS**

Are you a student at one of the universities/colleges in London or Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It’s based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made very welcome at our Catholic community here, a ‘home from home.’

**URGENT CALL FOR HOSTS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Hosting a homeless asylum seeker can be a rewarding experience for a host and a true life-line for the individual.  There are different hosting schemes available. Potential hosts should contact Rosa Lewis, Caritas Project Lead for Refugees: rosalewis@rcdow.org.uk

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 18/09/2022**

Planned Giving £218.70 Loose Plate £255.55

Standing Orders for August: £ 4,157.99.

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.*

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

We are now accepting contactless donations with all major payment cards accepted. Just select your amount, tap or insert your card to donate (not forgetting to Gift Aid!) It’s a fast and easy way to donate.

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**1st October:** National Mass for Altar Servers - The Archconfraternity of St Stephen is inviting all servers to the National Mass for Altar Servers at 2.30pm. Bishop John Sherrington will be the principal celebrant. Servers to vest in the Cathedral Hall, Ambosden Avenue and be ready to process by 2pm.

**7th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.** <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising>

**7th-8th October: Green Christian Conference - Building back greener? Christian perspectives on the future of our economy, money and work.** Friday 7pm, **Zoom, with Paul Kingsnorth. Free.**

**9th October at 19:00:** Procession of Our Lady of Willesden, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of 6 Willesden through the streets of Willesden, praying for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. Canon John O’Leary will preach.

**17th October**: visit of St Bernadette's relics to St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1NJ. Church open 1pm to midnight, then Tuesday 18th from 6.00 to 8.15am. Masses: Monday 5pm, 7pm (Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan, procession), 10pm, and Tuesday 7am. For full programme, visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>

**28-29 October:** Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham at Westminster Cathedral.

**Oct-Nov: St Bernadette Relic Tour:** St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: **30th Oct – 1st Nov.**

St Joseph’s, Stevenage: **17th – 18th October.**

Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden: **28th – 30th October**.

For full details of the tour, visit: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)



Thought for the week:

*Humankind has not woven the web of life.*
*We are but one thread within it.*
*Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.*
*All things are bound together.*
*All things connect.*