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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 4th September 2022**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 3rd 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

09.15 John Warner

11:00 Baptism – Ieracitano.

18:00 Jean Marie

Sun 4th 09.00 Dennis Byrne R.I.P.

 11:00 Nora Twomey R.I.P.

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Mon 5th 09.15 The Hogan family.

Tues 6th 09:15 Mary Roe – Anniversary.

Wed 7th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs 8th 10.00 Peter Arokiasamy-Thanksgiving

Fri 9th 09.15 Elizabeth Guzik R.I.P.

Sat 10th 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

 09.15 Bill Wright R.I.P

 18:00 Nora Twomey R.I.P.

Sun 11th 09.00 Peter Feeney R.I.P

 11.00 Elizabeth & Frank Guzik R.I.P.

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of St Helen’s Church Parish Council will be on 8 September 2022 at 19:00.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Enrolment for First Holy Communion, will take place on Saturday 24 September 2022 at 10:00 and Thursday 6 October at 19:00. Forms will be given out at these sessions.

#### EDUCATION SUNDAY – 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

The theme for 2022 is ‘enlightening the mind'’, taken from Ephesians 1:17-18. This year, we will welcome pupils from Holy Rood School to do the readings and offertory at the 11:00 Mass on Education Sunday at St. Helen's.

**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.

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home (or you know someone who would) then please let us know. You can call office phone or pop an email to watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD**

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world. We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Find out more [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Thank you for your support.

**HOLY MASS ONLINE**

Although Sunday Masses are now being celebrated in parish churches, Redemptorist Publications offer Sunday Mass online, especially for those who cannot attend their parish church.  We pray that this will enable the faithful to feel connected, to their faith and church community, during this time.

[Holy Mass Online](https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online?utm_source=RP+Newsletter+2020&utm_campaign=3d10f88489-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_20_12_24_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_61d90c626e-3d10f88489-217604107&mc_cid=3d10f88489&mc_eid=71e48df30c)

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 28/08/2022**

Planned Giving £72.20 Loose Plate £226.79

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 21/08/2022**

Planned Giving £119.60 Loose Plate £133.96

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 14/08/2022**

Planned Giving £54.50 Loose Plate £137.08

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 07/08/2022**

Planned Giving £93.10 Loose Plate £286.19

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 31/07/2022**

Planned Giving £358.70 Loose Plate £265.33

Standing Orders for July £3,710.49.

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.*

**UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

Subscription will remain at the current price of £20 for 3 months or £80 for the year. There will be no price increase until the end of this year. And don’t forget your **10% discount** on everything (except subscriptions) when you order from our online shop. **(Use coupon code: SUB10 at checkout)**.  Thank you and we look forward to your continuing support.

**DIARY OF EVENTS:**

**1st September – 4th October:** Season of Creation - ‘Listen to the Voice of Creation.’ Find resources <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october/>

**3rd September: Annual**[**March for Life**](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcatholicunion.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dce9496ddf55217db00d2d018a%26id%3Dd5f8cb66fa%26e%3De654ba0f47&data=05%7C01%7C%7C6c6611cf186c486b549208da7d1cae67%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637959859391880462%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nUh64%2B%2BAwcIf38XEqngNd8JOc7wTEfyX%2BAcig6e5WcU%3D&reserved=0) in London on the theme "10 Million Too Many", referring to the number of abortions carried out in the UK since the 1967 Act. From 10.30am: Events at The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street. 11am: Mass - St George's Cathedral, Southwark. 2pm: March.

**3rd September, 4.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network - Mass for the Season of Creation.** Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Followed by refreshments and displays from all the represented dioceses in the Arrupe Hall. Everyone welcome.

**10th September**, **10.30am-12.30pm: CAFOD Online Talk** with guest speaker Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD country representative from Kenya. [Register here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cafod-se-region-world-food-crisis-harvest-meeting-with-catherine-ogolla-tickets-374126300837)

**Tackling the Global Food Crisis – Saturday 10th Sept 10.30am online meeting**

Join Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD’s Country Representative for Kenya, Uganda & Eritrea, who will give a first-hand account of our work tackling the Food Crisis which is affecting over 20 million people.

Contact Tony at  Westminster@cafod.org.uk for further details or book a place at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>

**12th September, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Shanon Shah (Faith for the Climate)** Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/366821582227>

**12th – 16th September: Citizens UK,** **Still Small Voice** - **a residential 5-day retreat -** at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, OX44 9EX for community organisers, both new and experienced. £500 residential, £250 non-residential. [Book a place](https://citizens-uk.teachable.com/p/citizens-uk-ripon-college-still-small-voice-sep2022?link_id=3&can_id=26d8058cde3dc59cdaf4ab58c4749b50&source=email-join-the-communications-network-2&email_referrer=email_1578959&email_subject=still-small-voice-action-and-contemplation-in-community-organising)