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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

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world. Please call 020 7821 9755 or visit Missio’s website to donate/set up a Direct Debit: mission.org.uk. If you have a red box, please leave it at the back of the church. It will be returned to the same place once emptied. Thank you.

**Sunday 23rd October 2022**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 22nd 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/

 Adoration

09:15 Tess Egan

12:00 Baptism: Bourke

18:00 Sweeney family

Sun 23rd 09:00 Roy Barrett (R.I.P. Anniversary)

11:00 Clare Waston (Anniversary)

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Mon 24th 09.15 Liz Downey R.I.P.

Tues 25th 09:15 Patrick Banberry R.I.P.

 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration

Wed 26th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs 27th 10.00 Nicholas Fergusson R.I.P.

 14:00 Wedding rehearsal

Fri 28th 09.15 Sotor Fernandes R.I.P.

 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration

Sat 29th 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/

 Adoration

09:15 Stewart

13:00 Wedding: D’Souza

18:00 Peter Linskey R.I.P.

Sun 30th 09:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P.

11:00 The Hogan Family

15:00 Mass of Anointing.

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL 2022 - FOOD OFFERINGS**

Times are hard but there's always someone worse off.

We will be holding a collection of foodstuffs at all masses on the **weekend of 29th/30th October** for the Charity (SEWA) to help those struggling.  Goods can be brought up during the Offertory or placed in the marked boxes in the porches. Only non-perishable (not fresh), food in date and unopened please. Most useful include: Rice, dried pasta, tinned goods, pasta sauces, breakfast cereals, porridge oats, biscuits, crisps, fruit juices/squash. Cleaning products and household necessities (i.e. kitchen/toilet rolls also welcome**. Thank you for your support.**

**MASS OF ANOINTING**

The Mass of Anointing will take place on **30th October 2022 at 3pm.** Everybody is welcome.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

November is the Month of the Holy Souls when Holy Mass will be offered. Envelopes will be available next week. Please place inside the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Please return it to the Presbytery asap. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

We are having a raffle to help raise funds for the parish. **Tickets will go on sale from 30 October.** Top prizes are Christmas Hampers (1 food, 1 drink) and various other prizes! Tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5 and will be on sale after Masses.

**Thank you for continuing to support St Helen’s.**

**THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**

This will be taking place across Three Rivers, Watford

and Hertsmere Councils between the **29 October and**

**6 November 2022**, with the Green Watford Market taking place on the 6th November. There are lots of events planned for all ages from walks to film showings, from learning about local birds and butterflies to getting your hands dirty with conservation volunteering. Please see <https://greenwatford.uk/greenweek>

There is a ‘small grants’ programme available for elderly people living on low incomes, offered by Friends of the Elderly and identified by the Diocesan fundraising department.  Please email: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk for details of how to apply.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

**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.

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**Talk (by Miranda Shaw and Elizabeth Lasker) organised by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral** Thursday 27 October 2022 at 7.00pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Creators of Peace (COP) is a global network of people on each continent making a difference - inspired by their participation in Creators of Peace Circles, conferences, dialogues and other COP initiatives. <https://iofc.org.uk/initiatives/creators-of-peace/> £10 Tickets from Friends@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7798 9059

**28th -30th October, 16:00 – 09:15 - THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TOUR:** Our Lady of Willesden:
1 Nicoll Road, Willesden, London, NW10 9AX

**28th -29th October:** Dowry Tour of Our Lady of

Walsingham at Westminster Cathedral.

**21st to 29th November:** Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year’s Christmas party will take place on

**Saturday** **17th December 2022, at 12:00 for 12:30.**

If you would like to attend, please write your name

down on the list in the Hall Lobby (from 30.10.22) and indicate if you require a lift. Please do not put anyone else’s name down as this has caused problems in the

past. If you can help with lifts on the day or have any queries regarding the party, please contact Judith on 01923 680702 or 07760 378881.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 16th October 2022**

Planned Giving £222.30 Loose Plate £256.90

Standing Orders for September: £3,645.49

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 and generosity.

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

We now accept 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.

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**KEEPING WARM IN AUTUMN: TIP**

A microwaveable heating pad can be really useful

and is reasonably inexpensive. Lovely for warming

up cold hands and feet! 😊



 Thought for the week:

Those of us who work for peace care deeply about

Mother Earth and what kind of world we are creating

for all children, for people of all cultures. Knowledge continues to be power, but let's no longer choose

"power-over" in our ways of dealing with people and countries, but power used in a wise way for the

greater good of all of life, including the planet herself.