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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

**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. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Following the second enrolment session, we will contact all those who enrolled, to confirm the children who have a place on the programme.

**Sunday 9th October 2022**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 8th 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

09.15 Sue Hogan – wellbeing.

18:00 Prasath Mahalingam R.I.P (Anniversary)

Sun 9th 09.00 Mary Hooper (wellbeing).

11.00 Iuliana Albert R.I.P.

13:00 Baptism: Buttigieg

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Mon 10th 09.15 Dennis Moynihan R.I.P.

Tues 11th 09:15 Patrick Bamberry R.I.P.

 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration.

Wed 12th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs 13th 10.00 Liz Downey R.I.P.

Fri 14th 09.15 Margaret Worthington R.I.P.

 09:30 Exposition/Adoration.

Sat 15th 08.30 Confessions / Exposition/ Adoration

09:15 Tess Egan

18:00 Jan Kiys – (15th anniversary)

Sun 16th 09:00 Dom Dunstan Watkins OSB – R.I.P.

11:00 Dennis Moynihan R.I.P.

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**COST OF LIVING**

If you are concerned about health, rising energy bills, food supplies, housing, debt, employment – you can find support at [www.watford.gov.uk/cost-living-support](http://www.watford.gov.uk/cost-living-support) or speak to Shirlie who can liaise with Watford Borough Council (and also give any feedback) on your behalf.

**WATFORD CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

**Christians Across Watford**, in partnership with Mayor Peter Taylor, are hosting a free Thanksgiving and Blessing service on Tuesday 18th October, the day of the signing of the town's charter all those years ago. **St. Mary's at 8:00pm-9:00pm.** Everyone living in the local area, Christians of all denominations are invited to come and enjoy sung worship, and pray God's blessing to the future of our town. Doors open at 7:30pm for refreshments.

**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.

**CATECHISTS MEETING**

There will be a meeting for First Holy Communion Catechists on Monday 10th October at 19:15.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next Finance Committee Meeting takes place on Tuesday 11th October at 19:00.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING**

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

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held on Thursday 13th October at 19:00 in the presbytery (dining room).

**YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATION 2023/4 –**

**ST MICHAELS’ CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a place in St Michael’s Catholic High school (for September 2023 intake) is **31st October 2022**.  Late applications will not be considered and could result in students not getting their preferred choice of school. Thank you.

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

1st Prize £60 Lisa Ryan No 110

2nd Prize £45 Simone Siegel No 26

3rd Prize £30 Helen Gallichan No 35

Congratulations to all of our winners.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 25/09/2022**

Planned Giving £113.50 Loose Plate £273.43

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.

**KEEPING WARM IN AUTUMN: TIP**

Regular hot drinks (e.g. ginger tea/mulled apple juice), soups and stews are very warming. Alcohol may make you feel warm as well. Please drink responsibly. ☺

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**9th October: Prisoners Sunday –** Resources and ideas to mark the day available from PACT <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Pages/Category/marking-prisoners-sunday>

**10th October, 12.45-2.00pm:** Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Guest Speaker: Bishop John Arnold (Salford)[Register with Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/366833417627)

**15th October, 11am – 12.30pm:** Community Climate Action.Part of the Bloomsbury Festival with Citizens UK. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave, Holborn, WC2H 8EP. <https://bloomsburyfestival.org.uk/events/community-climate-action/>

**17th-18th October**: visit of St Bernadette's relics to St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1NJ. For full programme, visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stevenage/>

**17th–23rd October:** Challenge Poverty Week England and Wales – [Toolkit](https://challengepoverty.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Challenge-Poverty-Week-England-Wales-2022-%20toolkit.pdf)

**25th October, 7.30-9.30pm:** Catholic People’s Weeks Annual Autumn Online Lecture with Dr Carmody Grey - *Living in a Time of Crisis: Christianity and Ecological Catastrophe*.<https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/events/annual-autumn-lecture-2022>

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

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



Thought for the week:

Be a reflection of what you’d like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect.