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With a great deal of prayer, humility, willingness to be changed and transformed interiorly, to be quieted down, etc. etc., and to do all the rest that God asks of you as time goes on, you will doubtless prepare to meet His grace….. In other words, take it easy. Take what God gives and trust Him. He will do the rest.

In the long run, the basic thing is faith and prayer however one may look at it, because without these there is no real love: love does not have deep enough roots without them. If one has a deeper and hidden stability in these things, then the externals can change as much as you like.

by

Thomas Merton

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

White Flower Appeal. This is a great cause to protect the unborn children. SPUC volunteers will talk at the end of this weekend’s Masses. We will have the second collection going towards this noble cause.

**Sunday 29th JANUARY 2023**

**4th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 28th ***St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor:***

 ***WHITE FLOWER APPEAL***

08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 Michael O’Sullivan

 (Birthday Anniv.)

 11:00 Baptism: Lopatka

 18:00 Ava Cutts (wellbeing)

Sun 29th ***WHITE FLOWER APPEAL***

 09:00 Lavender Fernandes R.I.P.

 11:00 Ava Cutts (wellbeing)

Mon 30th 09:15 Michael Ryan R.I.P.

 09:15 Gobnait Twomey R.I.P.

Tues 31st ***St John Bosco, Priest***

 09:15 Richard Taylor R.I.P.

 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration

Wed 1st CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

 11:00 **Funeral Mass: BROWNE**

Thurs 2nd ***THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD***

 10:00 Holy Rood School Family Mass.

Fri 3rd ***Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury:***

***The blessing of St Blaise on throats***

 09:15 Bridgid Marshall R.I.P.

 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration

Sat 4th ***Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday.***

08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 Bridgid Marshall R.I.P.

 18:00 Patrick Browne R.I.P.

Sun 5th **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

 09:00 John Ryan R.I.P.

 11:00 Lavender Fernandes R.I.P.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PARENTS MEETING**

There will be a meeting for ALL FHC parents on Wednesday night (01.02.23) at 7.30 -8.30pm in the church hall. This is a great chance to learn about your faith and to find out what your children are being taught, as well as meeting with other parents.

Please try to attend. Thank you.

**Annual Mass for Matrimony**

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Further information to follow.

**SVP SENIOR SPRING TEA PARTY – With Bingo and entertainment!**

 **(St Helen’s Parish Hall, Harebreaks, Watford, WD24 6NJ)**

The SVP are holding a Senior’s Spring Tea Party on Sunday 5th March 2023 from 2pm to 4pm. If you would like to attend this event, please sign the form (for catering/lift purposes) at the back of the church.

For any queries, or for more information about the SVP: Please see <https://www.svp.org.uk/> or contact Marella on 07803 989512.

**Volunteers needed - CAFOD**

**CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for volunteers.  Find out more by joining our meeting on Wednesday 1st Feb from 2.30-430pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE.  Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – ST HELEN’S**

We would be grateful for more volunteers to clean the church. If you would like to help with this, or any other aspect of volunteering at the church, please email**watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk****. Thank you.**

#### sT mICHAEL’S cATHOLIC sCHOOL (gARSTON) vacancies:

#### LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT Starting Date: ASAP Contract Term: Term Time plus 2 days Salary: H3.5 £20,043 pa (pro-rata) incl. fringe allowance (actual salary 16,143 p.a.) Hours: Monday -Thursday 08:30 - 16:00, Friday 08:30 - 15:30

#### Cover Supervisor

#### Starting ASAP

#### Permanent Post (Term Time Only)

#### Salary: H4 £20,047 pa

#### (pro-rata) incl. fringe allowance (actual salary £17,940)

#### Hours: Monday – Thursday 08:30 – 16:30, Friday 08:30 – 15:30

**Open Morning for Prospective Chorister Families** Westminster Cathedral Choir School warmly welcomes families interested in chorister places for boys currently in Years 2, 3 or 4, for an open morning on Sunday 5th February from 10am to 12noon. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in our world-famous choir. Interested families should contact: Tel. 020 7798 9081, email lauger@choirschool.com or visit [www.choirschool.com](http://www.choirschool.com) for more information.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 22nd January 2023**

Planned Giving £220.50 Loose Plate £268.75

Standing Orders for December: 3,439.49.

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.

anned Giving: £572.88p Loose Plate £303.29p

Standing Orders£1897.33.

**TIONS FOR**

**24th April: £**

***Planned Giving: £ Loose Plate: £***

***Our total income received in March for***

***Standing Orders: p***

***Standing Order figures:***

***April £1,917.33 May £2,022.33***

**TIONS FOR**

**24th April: £**

***Planned Giving: £ Loose Plate: £***

***Our total income received in March for***

***Standing Orders: p***

**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.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### Pope Benedict XVI: Behind The Scenes (£9.99)

**Compiled by Sr Janet Fearns FMDM**

Joseph Ratzinger’s, the theologian Pope, the first in 600 years to resign his papal office, encountered innumerable people and, touched countless lives. This book presents some aspects of the background story of Benedict XVI, as offered by individuals who, to some extent, remained behind the scenes. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/pope-benedict-xvi-behind-the-scenes>

**Diary Dates:**

**4th February** Mass for Religious and Consecrated Life (Cathedral)

**11th February** Annual Lourdes Mass and Anointing of the Sick (Cathedral)

Thoughts for the week: by Mark Twain

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Life is short, break the rules. Forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything that makes you smile.

[If we were meant to talk more than listen, we would have two mouths and one ear.](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/547855) ☺