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You are right in feeling a little fear at the greatness of the task, and the possible difficulties. You will certainly meet great difficulties, and heartbreaking opposition and disappointment in many ways. You may in fact even be deprived of tasting the full fruit of success. But if you simply forget about the results and do the work with all your heart because it is pleasing to God and for the benefit of your brothers, and if you take that as reward enough in this life, you will achieve far more than you could ever hope……

by

Thomas Merton

**Cardinal's Lenten Alms Appeal**

This Appeal is taking place during Lent and envelopes can be found at the back of the church. Whatever you can afford will be gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

The Stations will be said after Mass on Friday.

**Sunday 26th MARCH 2023**

**5TH SUNdAY OF LENt**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 25th **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 Arokiasamy (Thanksgiving)

11:00 – 14:00: Baptisms:Hannon, Gaughan & Rhind-Tutt

18:00 Ava Cutts (wellbeing)

Sun 26th 5***th Sunday of Lent***

 09:00 For the Soul of Justina Soames

 11:00 Ava Cutts (wellbeing)

Mon 27th 09:15 - Scaria Joseph (Anniv.)

Tues 28th 09:15 – John Ginty R.I.P.

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

Wed 29th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs 30th 10:00 – Martin & Lilian Walsh (wellbeing)

 ***19:30 – Penitential Service***

Fri 31st 09:15 - Angela Whelehan

 ***Stations of the Cross follows Mass***

 11:00 – Funeral: Cummins

Sat 1st 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 For claiming of aborted children

18:00 Ann Earley

Sun 2nd ***Palm Sunday Of the Passion of the Lord***

 09:00 Peter Niciecki

 11:00 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P.

**Holy Rood School - Year 4 Easter Songs**

Holy Rood School will be performing the Easter Passion Play at St Helen’s on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

#### READING IN LENT

During the weekdays and Saturdays of Lent, daily podcasts from the Gospel of John – “the disciple whom Jesus loved”. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/reading-john-in-lent>

**STAINER’S CRUCIFIXION**

The choir of St Etheldreda’s Church, 28 Ely Place, Barbican, EC1N 6AA are performing John Stainer’s The Crucifixion along with appropriate readings and reflections for Holy Week on Wednesday, 5th April 2023 from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Admission is free but donations in support of the choir are welcome.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

The next preparation session will take place in the Parish Hall on 15th April at 10:00 with Deacon Liam. To book, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

**HOLY WEEK 2023**

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| **01/04/23 Saturday** | **5:45pm** | **Blessing of Palms with the readings in parish hall and procession to church.** |
| **02/04/23 Palm Sunday** | **08:45 & 10:45pm** | **Blessing of Palms with the readings in parish hall and procession to church.** |
| **03 – 4/04/23 Mon & Tues** | **9.15am** | **Weekday Mass as usual** |
| **05/04/23 Wednesday** | **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED** |
| **06/04/23 Maundy Thursday**  | **7:30pm** | **No MORNING MASS****Mass of the Lord’s Supper****The Paschal Triduum** |
| **07/04/23 Good Friday** | **10am** | **Stations of the Cross** |
| **3pm** | **Good Friday Service****The Passion of The Lord** |
| **08/04/23 Saturday** | **8:30pm** | **Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.** |
| **09/04/23 Sunday** | **9am & 11am** | **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection.**  |
| **10/04/23 Monday** | **10am** | **Octave of Easter: Mass** |
| **11/04/23** | **10am** | **Octave of Easter: Mass** |
| **12/04/23 Wednesday** | **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED** |
| **13/04/23 Thursday** | **10am** | **Eucharistic Service (Octave of Easter)** |
| **14/04/23 Friday** | **10am** | **Eucharistic Service (Octave of Easter)** |
| **15/04/23****Saturday** | **10am & 6pm** | **Mass****Octave of Easter** |
| **16/04/23 Second Sunday of Easter** | **09:00 and 11:00** | **Mass** |
| **Divine Mercy**  |
| **1:30pm** | **‘St Faustina’ documentary** |
| **13:30 – 2:55pm** | **Confessions** |
| **2:30pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in silence)** |
| **3pm** | **Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image.** **Divine Praises.** |
| **3:30pm** | **Mass** |

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2023 AT 2:30PM. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL.**

Couples in the Diocese, celebrating special wedding anniversaries of Catholic marriages are invited by the Cardinal. Please send details (**by this Friday 31st March 2023**) to: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 19th March 2023**

Planned Giving £155.50 Loose Plate £225.07

Standing Orders for February: £3,334.00

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***

**Funeral of William Cummins**

William (Bill) will be received into St Helen’s Church on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 6pm and his funeral Mass is on Friday 31st March 2023 at 11:00.

Fr Ben will lead the service. All are welcome.

**Funeral of SHEILA tRAINOR**

Sheila’s funeral will take place on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 12:00 at St Helen’s Church. All are welcome.

**CONFIRMATION 2023 (with Deacon Liam)**

**Closing date for applications is Friday (31/03/2023).**

Forms are available from the Hall Lobby or downloadable from our web site. School Year 9 and above to apply for this year’s programme please.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

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| Session | Date | Time |  |
| 1 | 03/05/23 | 7-8pm |  |
| 2 | 10/05/23 | 7-8pm |  |
| 3 | 17/05/23 | 7-8pm |  |
| 4 | 24/05/23 | 7-8pm |  |
|  | 31/05/23 | HALF-TERM |
|  | 07/06/23 | NO SESSION |
| 5 | 14/06/23 | 7-8PM |  |
|  | 21/06/23 | 7-8PM | REHEARSAL |
|  | 23/06/23 | 7-8PM | CONFIRMATION CEREMONY |

**50/50 Fund - Deadline Extended!**

Thank you to everyone who has applied so far. We are very close to the Magic 100! We just need a few more members, so we are pushing the date for the first draw back to next Sunday (April 2nd). Application forms are available at the back of church or in the hall lobby. Membership costs £26 for the year (over 18's only). As well as supporting local charities, you could win up to £50 each month. All applications received by Thursday (March 30th) will be included in the March draw. Thank you!!!

Thought for the week: (by Sadhguru)

The most beautiful moments in life are moments when you are expressing your joy, not when you are seeking it.