**St Helen’s ChuRCH**

Watford WD24 6NJ

01923 223175

watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk

Priest of the Diocese

**Father Voy**

& DeaconLiam Lynch

**Secretary**: Shirlie Halladey

(office hours: Tues & Thur (10am-3pm), Fri (10am – 4pm)

[www.rcdow.org.uk/watfordnorth](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/watfordnorth)

[facebook.com/sthelenswatford](http://www.facebook.com/sthelenswatford)

[instagram.com/sthelenswatford](http://www.instagram.com/sthelenswatford)

[twitter.com/sthelenswatford](http://www.twitter.com/sthelenswatford)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**PASCHAL Triduum: 6th to 9th April**

* **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

No morning Mass

19:30 Mass of the Lord’s Supper

* **GOOD FRIDAY**

10:00 - Stations of the Cross

15:00 – Good Friday Service

* **Easter Vigil**

20:30 Easter Vigil Mass

* **EASTER SUNDAY**

09:00 Catherine Sugrue Anniv.

11:00 Parishioners

**Sunday 2nd April 2023**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

***HOLY WEEK***

Sat 1st 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 For claiming of aborted children

17:45 Blessing of Palms with readings and procession to church.

18:00 Ann Earley

Sun 2nd ***PALM SUNDAY***

08:45 Blessing of Palms with readings and procession to church.

09:00 Peter Niciecki

11:00 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P.

Mon 3rd 09:15 - William (Bill) Cummins R.I.P.

Tues 4th 09:15 – In honour of the Jewish holocaust

victims.

Followed by Exposititon & Adoration

12:00 Funeral: Sheila Trainor

Wed 5th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Mon 10th 10:00 Jola Fistel R.I.P.

Tues 11th 10:00 Our loved ones.

Wed 12th CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs 13th 10:00 Eucharistic Service

Fri 14th 10:00 Eucharistic Service

Sat 15th 10:00 Sarah Pearce (Anniv.)

11:00 Baptism: Simplina

18:00 Parishioners

**Divine Mercy Sunday – 16th April**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Divine Mercy Sunday** | |
| **9am** | **Arokiasamy family** |
| **11am** | **Lynsey de Paul R.I.P.** |
| **Divine Mercy Service and Mass** | |
| **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** |

**EASTER posters**

Please take a poster from the back of the church to display in your window during Holy Week.

**HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE – GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

Monies collected during this Appeal will go to the Priests Fund.

**Easter Triduum:**

For free resources to help guide you through the Easter Triduum, please see links below:  
**Maundy Thursday**

[https://soundcloud.app.goo.gl/6rgur](https://rpbooks.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b341178fc20f6586567e68cd&id=f63a2c5fe8&e=71e48df30c)

**Good Friday**

[https://soundcloud.app.goo.gl/eJfeM](https://rpbooks.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b341178fc20f6586567e68cd&id=005be76240&e=71e48df30c)

**Easter Vigil**

[https://soundcloud.app.goo.gl/zWKPm](https://rpbooks.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b341178fc20f6586567e68cd&id=554d1b6ea5&e=71e48df30c)

**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](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk) with your details.

**vocation to priesthood?**

**Wednesday 12th April**, open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us. Nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

**PARISH GROUPS**

If you enjoy a game of bingo, our bingo club meets every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm in the parish hall. Everyone welcome.

Our tea & coffee club takes place every Thursday (in the parish hall), following 10:00 Mass. Please come along for this sociable get-together. All are welcome.

There will be another monthly book club meeting. Watch this space!

**HOME LIBRARY SERVICE**

Hertfordshire Libraries offers a ‘Home Library Service’ for people who are unable to get to the library. A team of volunteers will choose and deliver a selection of books (or talking books) to anyone eligible in the WD24/25 area. Email: [watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk).

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 26th March 2023**

Planned Giving £309.60 Loose Plate £179.79

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***

**THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH**

To celebrate The Coronation of His Majesty The King, we are planning to hold a ‘Bring and Share’ meal at

St Helen’s after 11:00 Mass on 7th May 2023. This event encourages communities to come together to share friendship, food and fun! Thank you in advance for your support. More details will follow.

**50/50 Fund – First drawer of 2023**

We have reached the ‘magic’ 100! Thank you to everyone who has signed up. The first drawer of this year will take place today, in the Parish Hall, following Mass. Thank you for supporting St Helen’s Church.

**Diary Dates:**

**21 April 2023** and **19 May 2023**, 11:45-14:00. West Herts College have relaunched the ‘Forget me not’ dining experience. The restaurant offers those living with dementia and their carers a relaxed dining experience, allowing them to enjoy eating out without stigma or exclusion. To make a reservation call 01923 812464 or email [reservations@westherts.ac.uk](mailto:reservations@westherts.ac.uk)

**21 April 2023 at 12:00**: Westminster Justice & Peace will be joining CAFOD and others for a ‘No Faith in Fossil Fuels’ service at St Johns, Waterloo Rd, London, SE1 8TY. Participants are invited to compose and bring prayers for climate justice on a placard, to hold up. All welcome. For more details: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2023/03/29/21-april-the-big-one-join-us-for-the-climate-rally-and-service/>

Thoughts for the week: (by Albert Einstein)

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.