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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

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

This takes 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.

**Sunday 14th MAY 2023**

6th Sunday of Easter

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 13th  ***Our Lady of Fatima***

 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 JP & Stephanie (wedding Anniv).

11:30 Baptism: E Bosley

15:00 First Holy Communion Mass

18:00 Siobhan Bucke R.I.P.

Sun 14th 6th ***Sunday of Easter.***

 09:00 Helen Benita Brown R.I.P.

11:00 Alf Linskey/Eddie Callahan

13:30: Baptism: L Allan

15:00 First Holy Communion Mass

Mon 15th 09:15 Bill Cummins R.I.P.

Tues 16th 09:15 Helen Benita Brown R.I.P.

 10:00 FHC Mass: M Shepherd

Wed 17th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

Thurs 18th ***THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

*10:00 Mercy Silver (Anniv.)*

Fri 19th ***Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs***

 09:15 Eileen Ryan (R.I.P Anniv.)

Sat 20th  ***St Bernadine of Siena, Priest***

 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 Helen Benita Brown R.I.P.

15:00 First Holy Communion Mass

18:00 Tinca Albert R.I.P.

Sun 21st 7th ***Sunday of Easter***

***Anniversary of the Installation of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Eleventh Archbishop of Westminster (2009)***

 09:00 Helen Benita Brown R.I.P.

11:00 Sister Margaret Jones (, 60th Anniv.)

12:00: Baptism: (x3) Witter family

15:00 First Holy Communion Mass

**REPOSITORY - First Holy Communion**

A reminder that First Holy Communion items are available after Sunday morning Masses from 09.45 – 10.45. Cards, badges, bracelets, rosaries etc.

**14th MAY 2023 - CAKE SALE AT ST HELEN’S**

There will be a cake sale in the hall today following 11:00 Mass – (Matty McGinty).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all those celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend and next. May God guide you and protect you as you continue to grow in your faith.

**Annual Mass of thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony**

Congratulations to all of the couples who celebrated a special wedding anniversary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday. Our prayers and blessings go to you and your families.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The parish needs more Eucharistic Ministers for all Sunday masses (Saturday Vigil, Sunday 9am and 11am). If you would like to find out more, please speak to one of those already in the role, or contact Kurvilla Punnamkuzhy by email: kpunnamkuzhy@hotmail.com.

We would also welcome new **Readers** at 9am and 11am Masses on Sundays. If you are interested in this role, please speak to Sadie Vile at 9am mass or send an email with your name and a phone number to sadievile@yahoo.co.uk.

# **World Communications Day – 21st May 2023**

**Catholic Communications Network.**

In support of the Catholic Communications Network, there will be a collection next Sunday 21st May, as the Church marks the 56th World Communications Day. The theme, chosen by Pope Francis is 'Speaking with the Heart'.  Supporters may also contribute online (<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network> ) from Monday 23rd May until Friday 3rd June.

**PARISH GROUPS - ST HELEN’S**

Our bingo club meets every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm in the parish hall. Everyone welcome.

The St Helen’s tea and coffee club takes place every Thursday (in the parish hall), following 10:00 Mass. . All are welcome.

**SICK LIST**

#### If you know of anyone who should be removed from the ‘Sick List’, please email the office: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or tel. 01923 223175.

#### Thank you.

Did you know.......

That Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” To find out more: [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**7th May 2023**

Due to the bank holiday, figures will be

 available next week.

Standing Orders for April: £3,147.49

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: £***

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***Standing Orders: p***

#### Diary Dates:

**6th May to 30th July 2023 - Exhibition: St Francis of Assisi** - The National Gallery is holding an exhibition from 6th May to 30th July 2023 exploring the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. Admission to the exhibition is free. For further information see the exhibition’s website: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi>

**Sunday 14th May 2023 at 3pm – Annual May Procession**

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden at **3pm.**

**Friday 19 May 2023, 11:45-14:00.** West Herts College - 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. Tel. 01923 812464 or email reservations@westherts.ac.uk.

**Wednesday 31st May from 7.30pm to 9pm -** Eucharistic Adoration event for young people from the diocese. Bishop Nicholas Hudson (assisted by our World Youth Day Pilgrims) and Westminster Youth Ministry are hosting Includes a talk by Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis. . Farm St Church in Mayfair.

**Friday 2 June, Holy Rood Catholic Church,**

‘Night of Light’ led by Confirmation candidates and visit from Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Corpus Christi Procession, **Sunday 11 June** after 12:30pm Mass followed by parish party. Day Pilgrimate to Aylesford Priory, **Saturday 8 July** by coach.

Thought for the week: (by Oscar Wilde)

[What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/395082).