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We too easily tend to focus our eyes on our sinfulness and nothingness and then we forget that we have risen with Christ, that we have a wonderful new life to live in

His Holy Spirit, that we have been overwhelmed with His gifts. It is true that we do not appreciate them enough: but the best way to appreciate them more is to look at them, and look at God’s love, instead of constantly looking at our own failures. If we wish to please God truly by our religious life, we must see that it is really a life and not just a living death……

by

Thomas Merton

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS**

My gratitude to you all (including the musicians) for preparing the children so well. Your hard work and dedication have been truly rewarded in the marvellous First Holy Communion celebrations, Fr Voy.

**Sunday 11th June 2023**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 10th ***Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday***

09:15 Eucharistic Service

18:00 Evelyn McVeigh R.I.P.

Sun 11th 09:00 Mary Kate Kearney (Kathleen) –

1st Anniv.

11:00 John O’Sullivan R.I.P.

Mon 12th 09:15 John Terrance Sherman Moral (B/Day Anniv)

Tue 13th ***St. Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor***

09:15 The Ursuline Sisters

Wed 14th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

Thurs 15th ***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*** *10:00* Andre Tangang (Thanksgiving)

Fri 16th ***The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus***

09:15 Arokiasamy family (thanksgiving)

Sat 17th ***The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 Evelyn McVeigh R.I.P.

11:00 Baptism: Ganegala family

18:00 Eileen Gallagher (1st Anniversary)

Sun 18th 09:00 ***11th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

11:00 Barry Reeves R.I.P.

13:00 Baptism: D Bobnaj

**FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – 11/06/2023**

Eucharistic Ministers (EM’s) - Commissioning and recommissioning of EM’s will take place during all three Masses this weekend. New EM’s are very welcome. If you are interested in becoming an EM, please let Fr Voy know or email [watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you.

**ST HELEN’S SUMMER FAYRE**

Our Summer Fayre will take place on 1st July 2023 from 12.00 -14.00. We are collecting goods for this event. Please leave any items in the boxes in the Church porches. Raffle tickets are on sale now!

**Thank you for your support.**

**CBCEW DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION – 17/18 JUNE**

This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. Resources/message found at: https:[//w](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/)ww[.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/)

**ST HELEN’S CHURCH - FLOWERS**

Any donations to help towards the cost of church flowers will be very gratefully received. Please use the receptacle/slot at the back of the church.

**Thank you for your support.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**4th June 2023**

Planned Giving £159.00 Loose Plate £285.12

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: £***

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

***Standing Orders: p***

#### THANK YOU

#### A big thank you to our bingo group for their donation to St Helen’s Church.

**INVITATION FOR NEW CHOIR MEMBERS**

You are very welcome to join our Sunday 9am choir. There will be a choir practice on Mon (15th June) at 7pm.  If you are interested, please call Jeff on 07771 346872 or just turn up on 15th (church loft at 7pm).

#### VOLUNTEERING

#### If you enjoy gardening and have some free time, we would love to hear from you. Please call 01923 223175/email [watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk), Thanks.

**Job Opportunities**

A list of current job vacancies at the Diocese can be found at: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>.

**NEW e-BOOKS (Redemptorist Publications)**

Purchase books for your iOS and Android smartphones and tablets using the Glassboxx app. Click the **Buy Now** button and checkout. The eBook is downloaded to your device. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/ebooks>

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer –**

**Monday 26 June 2023**

Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests for St Michael's Catholic Grammar School are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Monday 26 June between 5pm and 7pm. https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk /home/admissions/.

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

#### Diary Dates:

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

**Wednesday 14 June at 6.30pm** - Westminster Cathedral Friends are hosting a quiz with Fish and Chip supper. Book by 10am on Wednesday 14 June.

<https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> . Contact [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk)

**Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm -** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at Sacred Heart RC Church, New Priory Quex Road, Kilburn, London, NW6. Led by the Marian Fathers it includes teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy. All Welcome. Millie (07957594646) has more info.

**Tuesday 20 June at 7.15pm -** Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. Full details and online booking at <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> . Contact [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk).

**8th July 08:30-10:00 St. Mary's Church.** CAW free breakfast for Christian Leaders/teams. Some great food, spend quality time together, and look at 'Building on Firm Foundations' together! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caw-leaders-breakfast>

#### Racial Justice in the Church – 11/07/2023

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be hosting a free webinar to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years. 14:00 – 15:30 Online via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvdO2hpzgvHNKXWmsO9BqG36EiaJ-q0Dwf#/registration>

**Saturday 22nd July 2023** – Gin & Rum Festival - The Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans. <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/gin-rum-festival>

Thought for the week: (Dalai Lama)

The planet does not need more successful people. The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of all kinds.