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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

**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 25th June 2023**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 24th ***The Nativity of St John the Baptist***

 09:15 Eamonn McAndrew (1st Anniv)

 11:30 Baptism: A Appiah

 13:00 Baptism: J Khan

 18:00 Kath Kearney (1st Anniv).

Sun 25th 09:00 Maureen Quinn R.I.P.

11:00 John & Frances McAndrew

(R.I.P Anniv).

Mon 26th 09:15 Timothy & Winifred Cronin (R.I.P.

 Anniv.)

Tue 27th ***St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr***

 09:15 Gilbert John Stevens

Wed 28th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

Thurs 29th ***SS Peter and Paul, Apostles***

  ***Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis***

 10:00 Barry Reeves R.I.P.

Fri 30th ***The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church***

 09:15 Alfred Ngu (thanksgiving)

Sat 1st ***Dedication of the Cathedral (1910)***

 09:15 Philomena Lucas (3rd year Anniv.)

 18:00 Vera Popperova (R.I.P Anniv.)

Sun 2nd ***13th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

09:00 Sammy Broad R.I.P.

11:00 Roger Ngsee (Anniv.)

12:00 Baptisms (x 3) Alia children

 **ST HELEN’S SUMMER FAYRE – 1st July**

Our Summer Fayre is on **Saturday 1st July 2023 from 12.00 -14.00.** We are collecting goods for this event and donations of bottles for the tombola (and cakes on the day) will be very welcome. Please leave any other items in the boxes in the Church porches. Raffle tickets are on sale now!

**Thank you for your support.**

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home (or you know someone who would) then please let us know. You can call office phone or pop an email to watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk

**Job Opportunities**

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

**Macmillan Mighty Hike 2023**

Yes, I'm doing it again... My Dad died of cancer in August last year, so on July 15th I'm walking 26 miles in his memory and to raise much-needed funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you can see your way clear to sponsoring me one last time please visit:

<http://www.justgiving.com/David-Wright178>

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Thank you! David Wright.

#### Peter’s Pence (Collection for the Holy Father)

This collection will take place on Sunday (09/07/23). It enables the Holy Father to respond to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world —those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. **Thank you for your support.**

**Racial Justice in the Church – 11/07/2023 from 14:00 – 15:30 (Online).** Bishop Paul McAleenan is hosting a free webinar to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years.

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

**LOYOLA KIDS BOOK OF BIBLE STORIES (Amy Welborn)**
Written by popular Catholic children's author this collection of Bible stories is uniquely arranged according to where the stories fall in the liturgical year and when they are proclaimed at Mass.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/loyola-kids-book-of-bible-stories>

#### Did you know?.........

A rare book (published in 1623) believed to have been used to convert an [English](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/english) king (Charles II) to [Catholicism](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/catholicism) has gone on public display. The Missale Romanum, (Roman Missal), was owned by Father John Huddleston who had the book with him when the monarch converted to the Catholic faith on his deathbed. The book was purchased by the [National Trust](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/national-trust) at auction and is on display at [Moseley](https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/moseley) Old Hall, near Wolverhampton, 363 years after it was first there.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**18th June 2023**

Planned Giving £86.00 Loose Plate £258.94

Standing Orders for May: £3,550.00

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***

#### 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>

**27 June to 1st July *-* Life of Christ Passion Play.** Movingly recreated with quality sound and music. Educational and entertaining, amusing and serious. The story of Jesus is brought to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. Three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm.  See <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/>. Tickets cost £25 for adults, £15 for children or £65 for a family ticket.

#### Saturday 8th July 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE. It will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie 07957594646.

**Saturday 8th July 08:30-10:00 St. Mary's Church.** CAW is organising a 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>

Thought for the week: (Dalai Lama)

Genuine happiness consists in those spiritual qualities of love, compassion, patience, tolerance and forgiveness and so on. For it is these which provide both for our happiness and others happiness.