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I wish you all a good summer, peace, contentment, and the joy you seek; or at least the courage and light to live free from care amid unavoidable trouble! The greatness of man, Camus wrote, consists in his ability to find something bigger than himself – and he added that if we cannot expect perfect happiness in this life, we can measure up to this kind of greatness. Don’t let the system grind you down! Joy to you in the Lord Jesus, who is our peace and our 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 2nd July 2023**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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

08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

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

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

Sun 2nd 09:00 Sammy Broad R.I.P.

11:00 Roger Ng See Cheong (Anniv.)

12:00 Baptisms (Alia family)

Mon 3rd ***St Thomas, Apostle***

 09:15 Angela Murtagh (R.I.P Anniv.)

Tue 4th ***St Elizabeth of Portugal***

09:15 Gean Bordis R.I.P.

Wed 5th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

 **St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

Thurs 6th ***St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr***

 10:00 Electa Tita (thanksgiving)

Fri 7th 09:15 Ronald Leonard James Brown R.I.P

Sat 8th **Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**

 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 David McAteer R.I.P.

18:00 Ava Cutts (wellbeing)

Sun 9th ***14th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

09:00 Tita family (R.I.P)

11:00 Marty Spires (R.I.P)

**Peter’s Pence (Collection for the Holy Father) St Peter and St Paul**

The Peter’s Pence Collection 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. Please give whatever you can. **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

**Mission Unleashed: event with Cardinal Tagle** The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on

**14 July 7:00-8:30pm**. Please see [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation?utm_bmcr_source=PB) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

**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.

**ST HELEN’S 50–50 FUND JUNE. 2023 DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize £50: Kelly Dennedy – No. 65

2nd Prize £35: Mary Linskey - No 62

3rd Prize £20: Arthur Worthington - No 91

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

**SEA SUNDAY**

There will be a collection next week for Sea sunday. A day to pray for seafarers and fishers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives, both in the UK and around the world. Please support the work of Stella Maris, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church.

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**Job Opportunities**

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

#### Divine Mercy Retreat - Saturday 8 July 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE. The Retreat 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. Millie (07957594646) has more information.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**25th June 2023**

Planned Giving £168.10 Loose Plate £198.47

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***

#### 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>

**8th July, 1pm: Caritas Westminster Summer Picnic for Food Projects -** Meet outside Charing Cross rail station to walk down to St James’ Park. Picnic lunch provided but bring your own, too, as you wish. RSVP Niki Psarias**,** Caritas Westminster Food Programme Lead cfc@rcdow.org.uk

**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>

**10 July, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network** – Preparation for the Season of Creation. Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/southern-dioceses-environment-network/)

**11 July, 2-3.30pm: Racial Justice in the Church – CBCEW Online Webinar**. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be hosting a webinar to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years. Free. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

Thought for the week: (Dalai Lama)

The purpose of all the major religious traditions is not to construct big temples on the outside, but to create temples of goodness and compassion inside, in our hearts.