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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 4th June 2023**

The Most Holy Trinity

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 3rd 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 Siobhan Bucke R.I.P.

12:00 Baptism: B Fernandes

18:00 Francesco Val Vano (25th Anniv).

Sun 4th 09:00 Bill Cummins R.I.P.

11:00 Siobhan Bucke R.I.P.

Mon 5th ***Saint Boniface, bishop and Martyr***

09:15 May Hickey R.I.P.

Tue 6th ***Saint Norbert, Bishop***

 09:15 For the aborted children

Wed 7th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

Thurs 8th ***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*** *10:00* Johnny Twomey R.I.P

Fri 9th ***Saint Ephrem, deacon and doctor***

 09:15 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P.

Sat 10th ***The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*** 09:15 Communion Service?

18:00 Evelyn McVeigh R.I.P.

Sun 11th ***The most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)***

09:00 Mary (Kathleen) Kearney 1st Anniv.

11:00 John O’Sullivan R.I.P.

**FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – 11/06/23**

Eucharistic Ministers (EM’s) - Commissioning and recommissioning of EM’s will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi **on Sunday 11th June,** during all three Masses. New EM’s are very welcome. If you are interested in trying this, please let Fr Voy know or email watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

**Oxford Retreat (CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME)**

If you have received a letter and you would like your child to attend, please return your signed form **by Tuesday 6th June latest.** We cannot accept forms after this date. Thank you.

**Thank you – from Mary’s Meals**

Mary’s Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity.  We spoke at the end of each Mass in April and were delighted by the total given – £438.22.   This will feed 23 children one good meal every school day for a whole year.  Please continue to pray for the work of Mary’s Meals. God bless you all.

**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.**

**St Helen’s Summer Fayre**

Our Summer Fayre will take place on 1st July 2023 from 12.00 -14.00. We will be collecting goods for this shortly and there will be boxes available in the Church porches. Raffle tickets are on sale now.

**APF RED BOXES**

It is time to bring in your box for emptying. Please leave on the table at the back of the Church and it will be left back there for collection when emptied.

Thank you.

**ST HELEN’S 50–50 FUND - MAY 2023 DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize £50: Nancy Cremin – No. 105

2nd Prize £35: Morag Gallacher – No. 64

3rd Prize £20: John Cox - No 71

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

***PS. Forms are still available from the hall lobby for anyone who wants to apply.***

**HOPE UK**

HOPE UK have a series of online Zoom courses (8 Jun – Nov) regarding drugs, vaping and more. The courses are delivered by experienced trainers and each session lasts about one hour and costs £10 per person. The link to book: [www.hopeuk.org/events](https://www.hopeuk.org/events?utm_source=Atomic%20Mail%20Sender&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=&utm_campaign=Newsletter_25Feb2021).

**New Job Vacancy List**

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| **Job Title** | **Dept name** | **Closing date** |
| Parish Organist | Ashford St Michael | 07/06/2023 |
| Director Education & Youth | Finchley East | 09/06/2023 |
| Parish Administrator | London Colney Radlett/Shenley | 23/06/2023 |
| Drama Tutor | Caritas St Josephs, Barnet/Hendon | 27/06/2023 |
| Cathedral Finance Manager | Westminster Cathedral | 28/06/2023 |

More vacancies/details at: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION**

This year’s Day for Life is celebrated on **18 June 2023** and is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

**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 is every **Thursday (in the parish hall), following 10:00 Mass.**

All are welcome.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**28th May 2023**

Planned Giving £112.20 Loose Plate £340.20

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>

**Saturday 10th June,** 10.30-1pm **-** Called to action by our faith. You are invited to CAFOD’s International Office. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>.

**10-18 June**: [Great Big Green Week](https://greatbiggreenweek.com/) Celebrating environmental action across the UK.

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

Did you know?

The Pope is protected by the Swiss Papal Guards. Wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo and commonly armed with halberds, they are capable of using heavier weapons if needed. Each member is Catholic, male, Swiss, at least 5’8” tall and must complete military training in Switzerland.

Thought for the week: (The Dalai Lama)

When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace.