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Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you happiness, may it be yours this Christmas. And I pray that the true spirit of this great event of the Incarnation shines in your heart and illuminates your path.

Thank you for your support and guidance this year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr Voy

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – MAY 2024**

With regards to the Pilgrimage to Lourdes from

St Helen’s, we hope to know by the end of next week, when the deposit and full amount are required by.

30th May – 3rd June 2024 (5 nights). The cost is £720 (full board) per person sharing (+ single supplement). If you would like to go, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

The Offertory collection on Christmas Day is traditional, for the benefit of priests working in parishes. Envelopes for contributions can be found in the church porch. Thank you for your support.

**Christmas Posters**

Posters are available at the back of the Church. Please take one to display in a window, and help to spread the true meaning of Christmas.

**Sunday 17th DECEMBER 2023**

3Rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 16th 09:15 Mary Hayne Int.

 11:00 Baptisms: Ella & Chloe Denham

 18:00 Zara & Selena Int.

Sun 17th 09:00 Christmas Dinner Helpers Int.

 11:00 Jim O’Shea R.I.P (Anniv.)

 Brendan O’Shea R.I.P.

Mon 18th  09:15 Ciaran Landy Int.

Tues 19th 09:15 Caitlin Landy Int.

Wed 20th **Church and Office closed**

Thurs 21st ***St Peter Canisius, Priest***

 10:00 Christy Connell R.I.P.

 12:00 Funeral: Brandon O’Shea

18:30 Paul Burke (1st Anniv.)

Fri 22nd  09:15 Rose Molloy Int.

Sat 23rd ***St John of Kanty, Priest***

 09:15 Peter manbey R.I.P.

 18:00 Paddy & Margaret Barry R.I.P.

**CHRISTMAS MASSes**

**For 2023**

**SUNDAY 24/12/23: CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**18:30: CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS**

**23:15: CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE**

**12:00: CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

**MONDAY 25/12/23: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**09:00 CHRISTMAS MASS**

**11:00 CHRISTMAS MASS**

**Tuesday 26/12/23 St Stephen’s Day: Mass 10:00**

**Wednesday 27/12/2023: No Mass**

**Thursday 28/12/2023: Mass at 10:00**

**Friday 29/12/2023: Mass at 10:00**

**Saturday 30/12/2023 Mass at 10:00 & 18:00**

**Sunday 31/12/23 New Year’s Eve Mass at 09.00**

**& 11.00. Thanksgiving Mass at 19:30.**

**Monday 01/01/2024 New Year’s Day:**

**Mass at 10:00.**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

The next monthly session will take place on Saturday 13th January 2024, in the church at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. If you would like to attend a session (on 2nd Saturday of each month), please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**10th December 2023**

Loose Plate £333.91 Envelopes £114.35

 Standing Order for October: £3,497.00

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.

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**Sunday 24th December 3.30pm online** [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk) **or on sky 586**. ‘Watch The Surprise’, a play by Catholic author GK Chesterton. For GK Chesterton prayers - [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk)

**Friday 26th January 2024 at 2:30pm in Westminster Cathedral** - LEPRA 100th Anniversary Holy Mass. All invited.

Thought for the week:

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.