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Let us be united in our prayers. This I say not as a formula, but in desperate poverty and need. With everyone else who is in need, who is in exile, a captive, who hungers for truth and cannot find truth, let us pray and mourn in our hearts and cry out to God, the God of Abraham, the God also of Hagar and Ishmael. May He give you strength in your sufferings and may His angels stand guard over you at all times. May the Holy Mother of God console you. May the Saviour of the world bless you.

by Thomas Merton

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – MAY 2024**

We are planning a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from St Helen’s, 30th May – 3rd June 2024 (5 nights), at a cost of £720 (full board) per person sharing (+ single supplement). To join, please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**26th November 2023**

Loose Plate £333.53 Envelopes £154.10

 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.

**Sunday 3RD DECEMBER 2023**

***1st Sunday of Advent***

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat 2nd**  08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 Brian Reilly, RIP

 11:00 Baptism of Myra Xiana Pinto

 12:00 Baptism of Daniel Kerins

 18:00 Ferdinand Dike & Jane Dike

 (Mr & Mrs), RIP

**Sun 3rd**  09:00 Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P

 11:00 Maribel Niellson R.I.P

**Mon 4th** 09:15 Helen Benita Brown R.I.P

### **Tues 5th**  09:15 Charlotte Coleman R.I.P

###  13:00 Funeral: Michael McHale

**Wed 6th Church and Office closed**

**Thurs 7th**   10:00 Rose Mary Dawson R.I.P

**Fri 8th *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese***

 09:15 Arokiasamy - Thanksgiving

**Sat 9th**  ***St Juan Diego, peasant & Marian visionary***

09:15 Quinton & Frankie

 18:00 Wladyslaw Miedziolka R.I.P

 Yvonne Miedziolka R.I.P.

**BRING & SHARE – Thank you**

Our bring & share last Sunday was a very joyous occasion. Well Done St Helen’s community for all your hard work and support.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS’ MEETING**

 **8th December at 7.30pm** in the church.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Will be celebrated on **Saturday 9th December between 12pm – 2pm.** Please add your name to the list at the back of the church - to attend.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

All parishioners are invited to attend our parish Advent Penitential Service**.**

 **on 14th December at 7.30pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) Programme**

FHC starts on **16th December at 10:30** in the Hall.

**NATIVITY PLAY**

If your child would like to be a part of the Nativity play, please see our new Nativity play director Pippa Lynch **after 6pm Mass.**

**COLLECTION**

The amount raised for the Missionary Sisters was £522.31. Thank you for your generosity.