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Your nature is getting a bit rocked, and there is not much you can do about it. Do not attach too much importance to any individual happening or reaction, and do not look for very special significances: all is part of a purification process, with which you must be patient. You have an ego which you obviously cannot get rid of by ego-willing, and the more you try the more you will be in a bind. You cannot scheme, you cannot figure, you cannot worm your way out of it. Only God can unlock the whole business from the inside, and when He does, then everything will be simple and plain.

by

Thomas Merton

 **Bring & SharE - 17th MARCH ‘24**

**The next Bring & Share will take place next Sunday (St Patrick’s Day) – after 11:00 Mass.** **There will also be a celebration of**

**St Patrick’s Day after 10am Mass on Thursday 14th March. Please do join us for both events in the parish hall.**

**PLEASE NOTE: PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

If you would like to go, it’s easy to book. Please call **Marian Pilgrimages, London office on 020 3808 5156.**  Thank you.

**Sunday 10th MarcH 2024**

*Fourth Sunday Of Lent*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 9th ***Saint Frances of Rome***

 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 Patrick Green R.I.P.

 18:00 Margaret & Stephen Minogue (wellbeing)

Sun 10th ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

09:00 Dave Pearce R.I.P.

 11:00 Paul Miles R.I.P.

Mon 11th 09:15 Simon Rackley (wellbeing)

Tues 12th 09:15 Vivian Tangang (B/Day Anniv.)

 Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Wed 13th ***CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED***

Thur 14th 10:00 Joseph Silver (Anniv.) R.I.P.

Fri 15th 09:15 Patricia O’Sullivan (Anniv.) RIP - 100th B/Day

 Stations of the cross follows Mass

Sat 16th 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 Charlie Shields R.I.P.

 18:00 The Sick of the Parish

Sun 17th ***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

09:00 John Roche (Anniv.)

 11:00 Joe Heraty (prayers)

**Bishop Antonio. R Tobias**

I am very happy to welcome my dear friend Bishop Tobias of Manila to Mass this Sunday 10th March at 11:00. It is a great honour for our St Helen’s community to be blessed by his presence. Also, a warm welcome to my dear friends Annette and Lynn and their family.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 3rd March 2024**

Planned Giving: £147.00 Loose Plate: £377.37

Standing Orders for January: £3,407

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***

**CONFIRMATION 2024**

Applications are invited from young people in school Year 9 and above. Enrolment forms are available in the Church, Hall Lobby or our website. Closing date for applications is 01/04/2024.

**MASS INTENTIONS FROM 18TH MARCH 2024**

Mon 18th ***Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop***

 09:15 Victor Dike (healing)

Tues 19th ***Saint Joseph, spouse of***

 ***The Blessed Virgin Mary***

 09:15 Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P.

 Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Wed 20th ***CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED***

Thur 21st 10:00 Maudie McCarthy R.I.P.

 10:00 Apollonia Ngwemetch (thanksgiving for birthday)

Fri 22nd 09:15 Helen Benita Brown R.I.P.

 Stations of the cross follows Mass

Sat 23rd ***Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop***

 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

 09:15 Annie & Susan Int.

 18:00 Basil Sackett (wellbeing)

Sun 24th ***Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord***

09:00 C.Y. Varghese Panicker

 (death Anniv.)

 11:00 Frank & Elizabeth Guzik

**PASCHAL Triduum:**

**28th to 31st MARCH 2024**

* **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

 No morning Mass

 19:30 Mass of the Lord’s Supper

* **GOOD FRIDAY**

 10:00 - Stations of the Cross (by the First Holy Communion children and their parents)

 15:00 – Good Friday Service

* **Easter Vigil - SATURDAY**

 20:30 Easter Vigil Mass

* **EASTER SUNDAY**

 09:00 Catherine Sugrue Anniv.

 11:00 Parishioners

**RCIA**

Ryan and Mingming who are preparing for their baptism, confirmation and also First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil, will celebrate their Second Scrutiny today and their Third Scrutiny on Sunday 17th. This is the ancient rite for catechumens to help them to strengthen their intention to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. ***We wish them well.***

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

Baptismal preparation takes place on the third Saturday of the month, in the Parish Hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. To book, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

**ST HELEN’S 50–50 FUND FEBRUARY 2024**

**DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize: £50: Kath Heraty, No. 101

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

3rd Prize: £20: Eileen Doherty, No. 94

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

 **St Helen's 50/50 Fund - Deadline Approaching!**

**Enrol now for April.** Application Forms with envelopes are available from the Hall Lobby. Completed forms can be returned by post or put through the Presbytery letterbox. The current year concludes on 24/03/2024 with the final draw. We would like to get numbers up to 100. Thank you for your support for both the parish and our local charities!

**Have you signed a Gift Aid form?**

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue & Customs to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax, please let us know: Tel. 01923 223175 or email: watfordnorthgac@rcdow.org.uk Thank you.

**Easter Triduum**

The New Easter Triduum contains the complete texts for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil plus a selection of hymns. Now £1.00 (76% off). <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/the-new-easter-triduum>

**Annual Mass FOR Matrimony –**

**SaTURDAY 25/05/24 at 2:30pm**

The annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral and couples in the Diocese, celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024, are invited. Please email husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number) to: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk **by 8th April please.**

**PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Date  | Time | Event |
| Sunday 17th March(St Patrick’s Day) | 12:00 | Bring & Share after 11:00 Mass |
| Saturday 13th April | TBA | Elvis night & dancing |
| Friday 26th April | 7pm | Quingo (quiz night) |

And finally…..

**Happy Mother’s Day**

Dear Mother’s, may you all walk in peace, joy and health. Blessings, Fr Voy.