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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**

**Our Bring & Share takes place today after 11:00 Mass.** **Please join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate St Patrick’s Day!**

**Sunday 17th MarcH 2024**

*Fifth Sunday Of Lent*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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 R.I.P.

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 ***HOLY WEEK - Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord***

09:00 C.Y. Varghese Panicker

 (death Anniv.)

 11:00 Frank & Elizabeth Guzik

Mon 25th 09:15 Bried Coffey (wellbeing)

Tues 26th 09:15 Lynsey de Paul R.I.P.

**19:00 Penitential Service**

Wed 27th ***CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED***

**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**

 No morning Mass

 20:30 Easter Vigil Mass

* **EASTER SUNDAY**

 09:00 Angela Whelehan (Anniv.)

 11:00 Parishioners

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| **30/03/24 Saturday** | **6:00pm** | **Blessing of Palms**  |
| **31/03/24 Palm Sunday** | **09:00 & 11:00** | **Blessing of Palms with the readings in parish hall and procession to church.** |
| **01/04/24 & 02/04/24****Monday & Tuesday** | **10:00** | **Octave of Easter: Mass** |
| **03/04/24 Wednesday** | **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED** |
| **04/04/24 Thursday** | **10am** | **Octave of Easter: Mass** |
| **05/04/24****Friday** | **10am** | **Octave of Easter: Mass** |
| **06/04/24 Saturday** | **10am & 6pm** | **Octave of Easter: Masses** |
| **07/04/24 Second Sunday of Easter** | **09:00 and 11:00** | **Mass**  |
| **Divine Mercy**  |
| **2:30pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in silence)** |
| **3pm** | **Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image.** **Divine Praises.** |
| **3:30pm** | **Mass** |

**PLEASE NOTE: PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

If you would like to join this amazing pilgrimage (30th May 2024), the deadline has been extended and it is easy to book. Please call **Marian Pilgrimages, London office on 020 3808 5156.** Thank you.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 10th March 2024**

Planned Giving: £103.50 Loose Plate: £344.13

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 - with Deacon Liam**

**Closing date for applications is Thursday 28/03/2023.**

Forms are available from the Hall Lobby or download from our web site. School Year 9 and above to apply.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

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| Session | Date | Time |  |
| 1 | 01/05/24 | 7-8pm |  |
| 2 | 08/05/24 | 7-8pm |  |
| 3 | 15/05/24 | 7-8pm |  |
| 4 | 22/05/24 | 7-8pm |  |
|  | 29/05/24 HALF-TERM |
| 5 | 05/06/24 | 7-8pm |
| 6 | 12/06/24 | 7-8PM |  |
| 19/06/24, 7-8PM - REHEARSAL (with parents & sponsors. |
| 21/06/24, 7-8PM - CONFIRMATION CEREMONY WITH BISHOP PAUL |

**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!

**PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| Date  | Time | Event |
| Saturday 13th April | TBA | Elvis night & dancing |
| Friday 26th April | 7pm | Quingo (quiz night) |
| Saturday 29th June | 12-2pm | Summer Fayre |

Thoughts for the week: by Oscar Wilde

Life is too short to be taken seriously.

Ultimately the bond of all companionship, whether in marriage or in friendship, is conversation.