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The Christian life, Christian worship, Christian community, the Eucharist, all these have been obscured by a limited ritualistic piety that insists on treating the Risen Lord as if he were a dead body, a holy object, not Spirit and Life, and Son of the Living God.

Today, let us come with faith to the banquet of the Lamb, the Risen Savior, to the Bread of Life that is not the food of the dead but the true and Risen Body of Christ. He who encounters the Risen Christ in the banquet of his Body and Blood will live forever! Come, People of God, Christ our Passover is sacrificed, and in sharing his banquet we pass with him from death to life! He has risen… he is going before us into his Kingdom!

Alleluia!

 by

Thomas Merton

**Sunday 24th MarcH 2024**

*Palm Sunday*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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 (RIP Anniv.)

 Mark Patterson (20th Anniv.)

 11:00 Frank & Elizabeth Guzik

Mon 25th ***Monday of Holy Week***

 09:15 Bried Coffey (wellbeing)

Tues 26th ***Tuesday of Holy Week***

 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 28th MARCH**

 **7:30pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH**

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

 **15:00 – Good Friday Service**

**HOLY SATURDAY – 30th MARCH**

10:00am Blessing of the Food

8:30pm **Easter Vigil Mass**

**EASTER SUNDAY – 31st MARCH**

09:00 Angela Whelehan (Anniv.)

11:00 Parishioners

**Easter Posters**

Easter posters are available at the back of the Church. Please take one to display prominently, and help to spread the true meaning of Easter.

**EASTER ENVELOPES**

Easter envelopes are available at the back of the church. ***Thank you for your support.***

I wish you all a blessed, peaceful and joyous Easter.

***Fr Voy***

**Octave of Easter – MASSES**

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| **Day/Date** | **Mass** | **Intention** |
| Mon 1st April | 10:00 | Lishing Fon family (Thanksgiving) |
| Tues 2nd April | 10:00 | Daisy Lowositzova Int. |
| Wed 3rd April | ***CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED*** |
| Thurs 4th April | 10:00 | Amon O’Brien (Anniv.) |
| Fri 5th April | 10:00 | L Phillips R.I.P. |
| Sat 6th April | 10:00  | Catherine Sugrue R.I.P (Anniv.) |
| 11:00 | Baptism: Willow Fitzgerald |
|  | 18:00 | John Cuthbert R.I.P. |
| **07/04/24 - Second Sunday of Easter****MASS INTENTIONS****09:00 – Margaret Kearns (1st Anniv.)****11:00 – Chris & John D’Cruz R.I.P.****Divine Mercy** **2:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** **(in silence)****2:45pm - Blessing of the image of Divine Mercy****3:00pm - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image.** **3:45pm - Holy Mass*****Followed by refreshments in the hall.*** |

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE ST HELEN’S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

For those joining the pilgrimage, **the flight times have changed and you will be leaving Stansted at 1:15pm, arriving in Lourdes at 4:10pm** (giving you more time in Lourdes). The new times will be reflected on the paperwork you receive. Any questions? Please call 01923 223175 or email: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk. There are places still available and it’s easy to book. Please call **Marian Pilgrimages, London office on 020 3808 5156.**  Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION 2024**

Applications are invited from young people in school Year 9 and above. Enrolment forms are available in the Church, Hall Lobby or can be downloaded from our web site**. Please apply as soon as possible. Closing date for applications is 01/04/2024.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 17th March 2024**

Planned Giving: £114.50 Loose Plate: £267.37

Standing Orders for February: £3,144

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***

 **CONTACTLESS MACHINE**

Good news! The contactless machine is now up and running (thank you for your patience). It will accept all major payment cards. Just select your amount, tap or insert your card to donate (not forgetting to Gift Aid!) It’s a fast and easy way to donate.

**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**

You can still sign up if you're not already a member. The 50/50 Fund is a great way to support charities.

St Helen's has donated over £3,000 to charities over the last three years - as well offering you the chance to win a prize each month. Membership costs £26 for the year and is open to anyone over 18. Please pick up an application form from the back of the church or the hall lobby, fill it inand return it to the parish office **by April 1st** to have a chance to win in the next monthly draw, which will take place after 9 a.m. mass on 7th April. Thank you!!!

**PARISH EVENTS FOR APRIL**

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| Date  | Time | Event |
| Saturday 13th April | TBA | Elvis night & dancing |
| Friday 26th April | 7pm | Quingo (quiz night) |

**CAFOD – Lent Appeal**

Thank you for giving to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world to grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Thank you.

*Did you know ………* That the term ‘Easter’ came from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. The Easter egg is said to symbolize and represent joy, celebration and new life 😊