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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 31st MarcH 2024**

*Easter Sunday*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**PASCHAL Triduum:**

**30th to 31st MARCH 2024**

**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

**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*** |
| Thur 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.*** |

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 24th March 2024**

Planned Giving: £146.74 Loose Plate: £356.27

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***

**FUNERAL OF TONY DUNNE**

There will be a funeral Mass for Tony Dunne at

St Helen’s Church on Monday 8th April 2024 at 6:00pm. Tony was a well-known and much-loved member of the parish. All are welcome to attend.

**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 for this year's 50/50 Fund! The Fund is a great way to support charities and win prizes at the same time! St Helen's has donated over £3,000 to charities over the last three years. Membership costs £26 for the year and is open to anyone over 18. Application forms can be found at the back of the church or hall lobby. Return completed forms to the parish office by 1st April to be in with a chance of winning in the next monthly draw (after 9 a.m. mass on 7th April). Thank you!!!

What is it? QUINGO

– A quiz with bingo at the end!

When is it? Friday 26th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Bring a team or just yourself.

There will be a raffle at half-time. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

The cost is £5.00 per person

To book, or to ask any questions, email louisemshep@gmail.com or

Phone Louise Shepherd on 07983 380150.

Proceeds will go to the altar servers outing and to an Alzheimer’s charity

in memory of John Cuthbert.

**UPCOMING 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 |

**Diary Dates:**

**Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm.**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent. All welcome.

Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

**Don’t forget**! Daylight Saving Time on Sunday 31st March 2024 when clocks go forward by one hour at 1am!



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

***Fr Voy***