



ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 14 th	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Tadeusz R.I.P. 11:00 Baptism: Jaxon Orsmond 12:30 Baptism: Daphne O'Field 18:00 Florita Angosta R.I.P.
Sun 15 th	09:00 Bernadette Roache (3 rd Anniv) R.I.P. 11:00 Daniel Cremins (62 nd Anniv.)
Mon 16 th	Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. 09:15 Joanne Bell R.I.P. 12:00 Funeral: Florita Angosta
Tue 17 th	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Wed 18 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 19 th	Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr 10:00 Eucharistic Service
Fri 20 th	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Sat 21 st	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE 09:15 Eucharistic Service 18:00 Our Parishioners
Sun 22 nd	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary time 09:00 Nora Moran R.I.P. 11:00 The Sick of the Parish

EVANGELII GAUDIUM – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Today we celebrate Evangelii Gaudium Sunday "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. The theme is 'Growing as missionary disciples'. A second collection today will support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission. To learn more:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a programme for adults that explains the Catholic faith and prepares candidates to be received into the Church. If you or someone you know would like to join and be prepared for Baptism or Confirmation, please speak with Fr Voy directly.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE UPKEEP OF CHURCH GROUNDS AND HEDGE CUTTING

We rely on our wonderful parishioners to help with the upkeep of the church and grounds. A monthly rota for hedge cutting and general upkeep would be marvellous. If you can help, please let the parish office know: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk, or tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly. Thank you.

The whole question of the love of God depends on whether or not you look at Him as an object. The more you treat Him as a 'thing', the harder it is really to love Him. But there is a difficulty about treating Him as a person, since this very soon gets to be like treating him as an imaginary person, and then sooner or later everything falls through. Hence the answer is faith. To love someone we have not only to know him but know him as he is. The only way to know God as He is, is through faith.

by
Thomas Merton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**Sunday 8th September 2024**

Planned Giving: £54.00 Loose Plate: £340.49
Standing Orders for July: £3,519.

If you would like to set up a monthly
Standing Order, our bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRC DT Watford North

Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account No: **81263439**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you are celebrating a special anniversary for which you would like to receive a Papal blessing, please let us know. We would appreciate as much notice as possible with a minimum of three months. Please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or tel. 01923 223175. Thank you.

PARISH FEAST DAY, CELEBRATING 70 YEARS**15TH SEPTEMBER 2024**, Crown Rise, WD25 One

11:00 – Solemn Mass

12:00 - Marian Procession

12:30 – Bring & Share lunch

Plus lots more going on!

Please try to avoid driving as parking will be limited.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

FHC forms will be available from Saturday 28th September 2024 (back of church/hall and download from our website). Enrolment dates will take place in October/November (dates TBA).

On Saturday 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

See: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1584168772229831/>

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The Mass attendance count is an annual occurrence for the purpose of pastoral statistics.

For your information, there will be a Mass attendance count as follows:

- Last two Sundays of September (22nd and 29th)
 - First two Sundays of October (6th and 13th)
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**PARISH MISSION – 30TH SEPT TO 4TH OCT,
HOLY ROOD CHURCH,
WATFORD, WD18 0PJ**

7pm Service each night, lasting around 1 hour.

Please refer to the leaflet on noticeboards for full schedule.

FUNERAL OF MARIA SARAH FIGUEIREDO

Monsignor Anthony's beloved mum, Maria Sarah Figueiredo serenely passed to the home of the Father on Sunday 1st September. The funeral will take place at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday 25th September at 12:00 noon, followed by interment at Vicarage Road cemetery, and a reception back at Holy Rood Church Hall. Maria Sarah was known and loved by many of our parishioners who are invited to attend.

OPEN EVENING, LORETO COLLEGE

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2025 will take place on **Tuesday 24th September 2024 from 4pm to 7.pm.** Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. More details are available on the school website: www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

**ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, HIGH STREET,
RICKMANSWORTH, WD3 1HG****OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER & OPEN
MORNING FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024**

For prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2025.

Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October 2024 from 5.00pm until 8.00pm.

Open Morning on Friday 4th October 2024 from 9.00am until 11.30am.

SALVATORIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Year 7, Tuesday 1/10/24 (5:30 – 7:30pm).

Year 12, Tuesday 22/10/24.

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[Thought for the week: \(by Albert Einstein\)](#)

A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness.