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SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 21 st	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE 09:15 Eucharistic Service 18:00 Dominika Siembida Anniv.
Sun 22 nd	09:00 Nora Moran R.I.P. 11:00 The Sick of the Parish
Mon 23 rd	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Tue 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Wed 25 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 26 th	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs 10:00 Eucharistic Service
Fri 27 th	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Sat 28 th	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr 09:15 Eucharistic Service 18:00 Dumitru & Marian Albert
Sun 29 th	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in ordinary time 09:00 Florita Angosta 11:00 Annie Molloy (wellbeing)

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 and we are always looking for new volunteers. A monthly rota for hedge cutting and general upkeep of the church grounds would be perfect. If you can help, please let the parish office know watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk, tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly.

Thank you.

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 internment 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.

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 15th September 2024

Planned Giving: £91.45 Loose Plate: £311.42

Standing Orders/contactless/online
for August: £3,617.

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.

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.

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 today, next Sunday and 6th and 13th October.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptismal preparation takes place on the first Saturday of the month, in the Parish Hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. If you wish to book a session, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details. To book a date for baptism, please speak to Fr Voy (following Mass) in the first instance.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

If you have a CCP form for signature, please take it to Father following Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

FHC forms will be available from Saturday 28th September 2024 (back of church/hall and to 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.

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

PARISH MISSION – 30TH SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER, HOLY ROOD CHURCH, WATFORD

7pm Service each night, lasting around 1 hour.
Please refer to the leaflet for full schedule.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

St Joan of Arc Catholic School

Open Evening Thursday 3rd October AND

Open Morning Friday 4th October 2024

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

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.

High Road, Harrow Weald, HA3 5DY.

Tel 020 8863 2706

LORETO COLLEGE, HATFIELD ROAD ST ALBANS, HERTS, AL1 3RQ.

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2025 will take place on **Tuesday 24th September 2024 from 4pm to 7pm.**

Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.

More details are available on the school website:

www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

Catholic Chaplaincy to London's Universities, Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. If you are a student at a university/college in London, or Hatfield? We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. We also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS,

Saturday 5th October 2024 at 2:30pm,

All altar servers and their families from across the diocese/further afield are invited to attend The Annual Mass for Altar Servers in Westminster Cathedral. Servers who wish to take part, please arrive and vest in the Cathedral Hall from 12:30pm onwards, bring your own vestments and wear dark coloured footwear. For planning purposes, please let the office know (watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk, tel. 01923 223175) if you plan to attend. Thank you.

Thought for the week: (by Albert Einstein)

I am absolutely convinced that no wealth in the world can help humanity forward, even in the hands of the most devoted worker in this cause. The example of great and pure characters is the only thing that can lead us to noble thoughts and deeds.