



ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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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

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 28 th	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr 09:15 Eucharistic Service 18:00 Dumitru & Marian Albert
Sun 29 th	09:00 Florita Angosta 11:00 Gerard & Sarah O'Shea (40 th Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 30 th	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Tues 1 st	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Wed 2 nd	Church and Office closed
Thurs 3 rd	10:00 Eucharistic Service 12:00 Funeral Service: John Costello
Fri 4 th	Saint Francis of Assisi 09:15 Eucharistic Service
Sat 5 th	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin 09:15 Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P. 12:00 Baptism: Jenson 18:00 Steve Simcox R.I.P.
Sun 6 th	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in ordinary time 09:00 Michael Coyne R.I.P. 11:00 Roger Gilroy R.I.P.

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.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you are celebrating a special anniversary for which you would like to receive a Papal blessing, please give us a minimum of three months' notice by emailing the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or tel. 01923 223175. Thank you.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptismal preparation takes place on the first 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. To book a date for baptism, please speak to Fr Voy (following Mass) in the first instance.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR UPKEEP OF CHURCH GROUNDS/HEDGE CUTTING

If you can spare any time to help with the upkeep of the church and grounds, it will be very appreciated. please contact watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk, tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly. Thanks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 22nd September 2024

Planned Giving: £66.00 Loose Plate: £182.26

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.



CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

A reminder that contactless donations (all major payment cards welcome) are a fast and easy way to donate. Just select your amount and tap or insert your card (not forgetting to Gift Aid!)

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

If you have a CCP form for signature/stamp, please take it to Fr Voy following Mass.

FUNERAL OF JOHN COSTELLO

As some of you know, John Costello (who was known and loved by so many), sadly but peacefully passed away on 31st August 2024, at the age of 89. John grew up just around the corner and he attended church regularly, assisting Fr Pat with various tasks; he was also one of the church readers. John will be so dearly missed by all of his family and friends. If you knew/remember John, you are welcome to attend the Service at St Helen's to pay your respects. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

FHC forms are now available from the back of the church and in the hall and to download from our website. Enrolment dates will take place in October/November (dates TBA).

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 count:

- Last two Sundays of Sept (22nd and 29th)
- First two Sundays of Oct (6th and 13th)

CAFOD

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is next Sunday (6th October). Please support CAFOD by taking an envelope from the back of the church and giving whatever you can afford. They will be very grateful for any donation.

Thank you for your support.

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

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. See: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more.

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

7pm Service each night, lasting around 1 hour.

Please refer to the leaflet on noticeboards for full schedule.

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.

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on **7th October**. The feast of the Rosary is held on **7th October** in memory of the victory at the battle of Lepanto. The best way to celebrate the month is to pray the Rosary.

[Thought for the week: \(by Oscar Wilde\)](#)

We can have in life but one great experience at best, and the secret of life is to reproduce that experience as often as possible.