



## 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 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Year II*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Tadeusz R.I.P. 11:00 Baptisms: Voller children (x3) 12:00 Baptism: Kasper Kowalewski 18:00 Margaret O'Malley R.I.P.
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 Bill Wright (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) 11:00 Elizabeth & Frank Guzik R.I.P.
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b> 09:15 Peter Feeny R.I.P.
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	09:15 Wedding Anniversary/Thanksgiving Mass for Mr & Mrs Tarin Fernando
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Church and Office closed</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> 10:00 Ger Foley R.I.P.
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> 09:15 Aleksandra Kasperezyk (wellbeing)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> 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 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 09:00 Bernadette Roache (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) R.I.P. 11:00 Daniel Cremins (62 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk) or tel. 01923 223175. Thank you.

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Planned Giving: £99.50 Loose Plate: £321.76  
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.

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

As a parish we rely on our wonderful parishioners to help with the upkeep of the church and grounds and we are always looking for new volunteers as many hands make light work! We would especially like to ask new volunteers to join a monthly rota for hedge cutting and general upkeep of the church grounds. If you are able to help, please let the parish office know [watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk), tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly. Thank you.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL IN THE CATHEDRAL**

On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting with Mass at 12:30pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons.

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## **FUNERAL OF MARIA SARAH FIGUEIREDO**

Monsignor Anthony's beloved mum, Maria Sarah Figueiredo serenely passed to the home of the Father on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The funeral will take place at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

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## **SEASON OF CREATION**

**1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2024**

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. We are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

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## **11 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM: 'THE PRIEST'S TALE'**

A performance of a powerful one-hour play based on the account of a German Jesuit who was in Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped in 1945. Catholic Worker Church, next to 49 Mattison Road, N4 1BG. There will be a collection for London Catholic Worker and CND. Tickets are free, book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--london/priests-tale/>

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## **ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL 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. Events as follows:

**Open Evening to take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 from 5.00pm until 8.00pm.**

**Open Morning to take place the following morning, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 9.00am until 11.30am**

And finally..... The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24th September 2024. Normally it wouldn't be moved but an exception will be made in this case.

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