



## 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 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Wilfrid, Bishop</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Tadeusz R.I.P. 18:00 Iuliana Albert R.I.P.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in ordinary time</b> <b>SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the City of Westminster &amp; Diocese</b> 09:00 The Sick of the Parish 11:00 Liene Pastore R.I.P.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Callistus I, Pope &amp; Martyr</b> 09:15 Hannah O'Neil - wellbeing
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor</b> 09:15 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P. Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Church and Office closed</b>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> 10:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P.
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SAINT LUKE, Evangelist</b> 09:15 Rose Cummins R.I.P. 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Sr. M Eithne Bowles OP R.I.P. 18:00 Barry Faherty R.I.P.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in ordinary time</b> 09:00 Christy Brennan R.I.P. 11:00 John Cleary R.I.P.

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### BRING & SHARE - TODAY

There is a Bring & Share today – after 11:00 Mass.  
Please join us in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

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### APF RED MISSIO BOXES

Please bring these in for emptying and leave on the table at the back of the Church after Saturday or Sunday Masses only. The empty boxes can be collected from the back of the church.  
Thank you to all those who keep a Red Box.

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### WORLD MISSION COLLECTION 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for this special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support, coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**Thank you as always, for your support.**

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### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

Please bring completed CCP forms to Fr Voy for signature. Thank you.

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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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## THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest).

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## 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, we will be most grateful. please contact [watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk), tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly. Thank you.

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## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Planned Giving: £342.00 Loose Plate: £315.13  
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!)

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## MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The last Mass attendance count for this year takes place today.

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## ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

There will likely be a vote (on assisted suicide) in Parliament before Christmas. In Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. Watch for free online [righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead](http://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead)

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) ENROLMENT DATES

The FHC enrolment dates will take place in the sacristy on: **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 (after 11am Masses)**. Please bring your completed form (forms available from church/office/parish website), copy of baptism certificate (if not baptised at St Helen's) and your £25.00 book/programme fee.

**NOTE:** Due to the size of our Parish Hall we have to 'cap' the number of children allowed on the programme. Therefore, priority will be given to the children who live in our parish and attend our Church.

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## 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](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk) with your details. To book a date for baptism, please speak to Fr Voy (following Mass) in the first instance.

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, Annual Candlelit Procession** today in honour of Our Lady of Willesden from the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Join pilgrims praying the Rosary for London. The preacher will be Fr Richard Biggerstaff. All welcome.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (6pm to 8pm) - Loreto College (St Albans) - Sixth Form Open Evening.** Including a guided tour of the college and meeting staff and students. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.

## SALVATORIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING (22.10.24)

Year 12. High Road, Harrow Weald, HA3 5DY.  
Tel 020 8863 2706

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## Thought for the week: (by Khalil Gibran)

God created music as a common language for all men. It inspires the poets, the composers and the architects. It lures us to search our souls for the meaning of the mysteries described in ancient books.

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