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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 20TH OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 19 th	Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Sr. M Eithne Bowles OP R.I.P. 18:00 Barry Faherty R.I.P.
Sun 20 th	World Mission Day 09:00 Christy Brennan R.I.P. 11:00 John Cleary R.I.P.
Mon 21 st	09:15 Paul Fanning R.I.P.
Tues 22 nd	Saint John Paul II, Pope 09:15 Daisy Lowositzová Int. Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 23 rd	Church and Office closed
Thurs 24 th	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop 10:00 Roy Barrett R.I.P (Anniv. 23/10)
Fri 25 th	09:15 Steven and Margaret Minogue 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 26 th	Saints Chad & Cedd, Bishops (National) 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Annie Malloy, wellbeing 18:00 Parishioners of our Parish
Sun 27 th	THIRTIETH Sunday in ordinary time 09:00 Betty O'Sullivan (wellbeing) 11:00 Rosanna Cummins

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.

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION – SUNDAY 20/10/24

This weekend there is a second collection for this special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support. The Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflects the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Thank you as always, for your support of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 30th November. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 2nd November. Any donated items for sale (including bottles of drink for the tombola) will be gratefully received. You will find marked boxes for donations at the back of the church. **Thank you as always for your support.**

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you can spare any time to help with the upkeep of the church/grounds, cleaning or serving refreshments, we will be most grateful. Please contact watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk, tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly. 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. 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 13th October 2024

Planned Giving: £81.40 Loose Plate: £286.11
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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) ENROLMENT DATES

The FHC enrolment dates will take place in the sacristy on: **Sunday 27th October 2024 and Sunday 3rd 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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. Assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

On **27th October 1967**, the Abortion Act was passed and "There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions**. On **Saturday 26th October**, please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/808459844574645> "

SALVATORIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING (22.10.24)

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

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Saturday 26 October from 1pm to 4:30pm. The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE. The Retreat will include teachings on the Holy Rosary, Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

LOURDES REUNION MASS AND SOCIAL

Those who have been on a Lourdes Pilgrimage may like to be reminded on the Lourdes Reunion Masses which will take place at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Crypt (entrance via the gates by the Cathedral Hall) on 3rd December, 4th March and 3rd June followed by a social gathering in a nearby location. All are welcome.

[Thought for the week: \(by Khalil Gibran\)](#)

To be able to look back upon one's life in satisfaction, is to live twice.
