



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 27TH OCTOBER 2024

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 26 th	Saints Chad & Cedd, Bishops (National) 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Annie Malloy (wellbeing) 18:00 Susan Stockwell (wellbeing)
Sun 27 th	09:00 Betty O'Sullivan (Thanksgiving) 11:00 Rosanna Cummins R.I.P.
Mon 28 th	SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles 09:15 Miriam Moore R.I.P.
Tues 29 th	Blessed Martyrs of Douai (Diocesan) 09:15 Gerry Hogan's family Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 30 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 31 st	10:00 Catherine Barlow R.I.P.
Fri 1 st	ALL SAINTS DAY 09:15 Parishioners of our Parish 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration 19:00 Deceased Lishing Fong families
Sat 2 nd	ALL SOULS DAY 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Mary Anne McCarthy (2 nd Anniv.) 18:00 November dead list
Sun 3 rd	THIRTY-FIRST Sunday in ordinary time 09:00 Maribel Nielson R.I.P (1 st Anniv.) 11:00 Michael O'Sullivan R.I.P. (Anniv.)

ALL SAINTS DAY (1ST NOVEMBER 2024)

Friday 1st of November is All Saints day. Masses will take place at 9.15am and 7:00pm.

HOLY SOULS DAY (2ND NOVEMBER 2024)

During November, we pray for our deceased loved ones. Please pick up an envelope from the back of the church, write a name or names of people who you wish to pray for, and put it in the basket at the front of the altar. Thank you.



Our Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 30th November 2024 from 12:00 – 14:00**. 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. Home-made cakes will be very welcome (on the day). Please tell all your friends/family. **Thank you for your support.**

FATIMA TRIP

For your information, we are planning to have a trip to Fatima from our parish during September 2025. Further details will follow.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 20th October 2024

Planned Giving: £74.52 Loose Plate: £232.66

Standing Orders/contactless/online
for September: £3,641.00

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: **Today (Sunday 27th October) and also 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.

Thought for the week: (by Khalil Gibran)

Generosity is not in giving me that which I need more than you do, but it is in giving me that which you need more than I do.

And finally, for those of you reading this on Saturday.....



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.

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 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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you can spare any time to help with gardening, 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.

ADVENT EXTRA: PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE (£2.95)

Advent gives meaning to life, opens our eyes to others and makes us powerhouses of love, kindness and joy. The theme of Advent Extra echoes that of the Jubilee year: Pilgrims of Hope. With varied articles and the 23 daily reflections, please take a look.

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