



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

*TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*Year B*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</b><br>09:15 Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P.<br>12:00 Baptism: Jenson Townsend<br>18:00 Steve Simcox R.I.P.   |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>    | 09:00 Michael Coyne R.I.P.<br>11:00 Roger Gilroy R.I.P.  |
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b><br>09:15 Lynsey De Paul R.I.P.   |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 09:15 Aleksandra (wellbeing)<br>Followed by Exposition & Adoration   |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Church and Office closed</b>  |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop</b><br>10:00 Andrew McPhillips (Anniv 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct)   |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Saint John XXIII, Pope</b><br>09:15 Our Parishioners<br>09:30 Exposition/ Adoration   |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Saint Wilfrid, Bishop</b><br>08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration<br>09:15 Tadeusz R.I.P.<br>18:00 Iuliana Albert R.I.P.   |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in ordinary time</b><br><b>SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the City of Westminster &amp; Diocese</b><br>09:00 The Sick of the Parish<br>11:00 Liene Pastore R.I.P. |

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### CAFOD

CAFOD Family Fast Day Harvest Appeal is TODAY, 6th October. Please Give to CAFOD to fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope). You can also scan this QR code on your phone to give by virtual envelope. **Thank you for your support.**



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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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### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

Please take any completed CCP forms to Fr Voy for signature, following a Mass. Thank you.

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

FHC forms are available from the back of the church, from the hall and to download from our website. Please bring your completed form (with book money) to one of our enrolment dates which will be announced shortly (on newsletter/website).

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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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### 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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### 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Planned Giving: £160.00 Loose Plate: £535.09  
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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### ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND SEPTEMBER 2024 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize: £40: Joanne Randall, No. 16  
2nd Prize: £30: David Wright, No. 49  
3rd Prize: £20: Angela Worthington, No. 12  
**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

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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. To book, 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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### 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 attendance count today and next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

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### SALVATORIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Year 12, Tuesday 22/10/24.  
High Road, Harrow Weald, HA3 5DY.  
Tel 020 8863 2706

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**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 you and regular events during the week. We also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net) to find out more.

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

**Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm).** A Day With Mary - Westminster Cathedral on Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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**Sunday 13th October at 7pm, Annual Candlelit Procession** in honour of Our Lady of Willesden from the shrine church, through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. All welcome.

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[Thought for the week: \(by Albert Einstein\)](#)

When the solution is simple, God is answering.