



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Martin Goonan R.I.P. 18:00 Eric Latchford and Augusto Ravillo Jnr, Anniv. R.I.P.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 09:00 November Dead List 11:00 Peter Linskey, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. R.I.P.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</b> 09:15 November Dead List
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Josaphat, Bishop</b> 09:15 November Dead List Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Church and Office closed</b>
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Willibrord, Bishop (National)</b> 10:00 November Dead List
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Albert the Great, Bishop</b> 09:15 November Dead List 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Peter Arokiasamy (1st Anniv.) 18:00 November Dead List
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD Sunday in ordinary time</b> 09:00 November Dead List 11:00 November Dead List

*The key to the whole thing is, of course, mercy and love. In the sense that God is Love, is Mercy, is Humility, is Hiddenness, He shows Himself to us within ourselves as our own poverty, our own nothingness (which Christ took upon Himself, ordained for this by the Incarnation in the womb of the Virgin)... and if we receive the humility of God into our hearts, we become able to accept and embrace and love this very poverty, which is Himself and His Sophia. And then the darkness of Wisdom becomes to us inexpressible light. We pass through the centre of our own nothingness into the light of God.*

*by*  
*Thomas Merton*



Our Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 12:00 – 14:00**. Raffle tickets are available. Any donated items for sale (including bottles of drink for the tombola) will be gratefully received. Please leave donations in the boxes at the back of the church. Home-made cakes will be very welcome (on the day thank you). **Please come and support this event. Many thanks.**

### CHRISTMAS BRING & SHARE

We will have a Christmas 'Bring & Share' on **8<sup>th</sup> December 2024** for the whole parish. Please join us after 11:00 Mass for this early Christmas celebration. **Everyone is welcome!**



### SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner will be celebrated on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December between 12pm and 2pm**. Further details to follow.

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### 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](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk), tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly.

*Thank you.*

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### HOLY SOULS

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

*Offerings are also welcome. Thank you.*

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### SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Please take a donation envelope from the back of the church and bring it back with your donation. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. *Thank you for your support.*

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

Planned Giving: £77.50 Loose Plate: £316.19

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.

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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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### 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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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAMME

There will be an update regarding our First Holy Communion Programme dates, in next week's newsletter.

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### Have you thought about training to be a teacher?

#### **Paid Internships. What do we offer?**

As a part of our "Plant a seed" project, the Diocese of Westminster is funding 7 Internships for Catholic undergraduates in the second year of university to experience life as a Secondary RE teacher or Primary class teacher in summer 2025. Interested? Please contact: [catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk)

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

The sorrowful spirit finds rest when united with a similar one. They join affectionately, as a stranger is cheered when he sees another stranger in a strange land. Hearts that are united through the medium of sorrow will not be separated by the glory of happiness. Love that is cleansed by tears will remain externally pure and beautiful.

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