



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P. (1 year) 18:00 November Dead List
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 November Dead List 11:00 November Dead List
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</b> 09:15 November Dead List
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:15 November Dead List Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Church and Office closed</b>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10:00 Jynola Lews .I.P.
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b> 09:15 November Dead List 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Saint Clement, Pope and Martyr</b> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 November Dead List 13:00 - Baptism: Erin Lynam 14:00 - Baptism: Eliana Becker 18:00 November Dead List
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> 09:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P. 11:00 November Dead List

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#### Request for Help

Dear friends of St Helen's, I am seeking your help in this heartfelt situation that one of our own has found herself in. Magda, a delightful young lady from our Parish, desperately needs our support, to help her and her family during her illness, with her husband not currently working and her children to care for. I will be truly grateful if we as a parish community, can come together to assist her in any way possible, especially financially. Let's make it our Christmas giving for this year. There will be collections towards this cause for the next two Sundays. *Thank you.* Walk in peace & joy. **Fr Voy.**

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#### CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

We need volunteers to help with cleaning the church. If you can, please come along on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6:00pm. Thank you. **Fr Voy.**

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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*

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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). Please tell all your friends/family.  
**Thank you for your support.**

### SVP SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be an SVP, St Helen's & St Michael's Senior's Christmas Afternoon Tea Party on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 from 2pm to 4pm** at **'Our Lady & St Michael's Church Hall, Garston'**. Please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church/ parish hall, also indicating if you require a lift. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS BRING & SHARE

We will have a Christmas 'Bring & Share' on **8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 12:15**. Please join us in the parish Hall for this early Christmas celebration. Everyone is welcome!



### SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH – ST HELEN'S

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

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

Many priests (over the age of 75), continue to serve their communities including parishes/schools/hospitals/chaplaincies. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help to ensure they are themselves cared for as needed. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. The 'QR Code' means you can scan with a phone camera to give online if you prefer. If you wish, you can complete section 4 on the envelope, become a Patron and make a regular gift. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAMME

The programme will begin in December. Further details will follow.

### ASSISTED SUICIDE

A bill has been introduced to Parliament to legalise assisted suicide. This will be voted on by MPs on **29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. 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. Please urgently contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill. Contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk) or write to him/her at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Join us for 'A Day With Mary' at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on **Saturday 14 December (10:15 to 5:15)**. Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese. Further information is at: <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Planned Giving: £74.00 Loose Plate: £310.32  
Standing Orders/contactless/online for October: £3,529.00

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.

### 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: The next session will take place in January 2025. To book a date for baptism, please speak to Fr Voy (following Mass) in the first instance.

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

Possessions, outward success, publicity, luxury - to me these have always been contemptible. I believe that a simple and unassuming manner of life is best for everyone, best for both the body and the mind.