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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 1ST DECEMBER 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

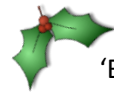
Sat 30 th	SAINT ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Dorothy Twomey (wellbeing) 18:00 November Dead List
Sun 1 st	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 09:00 Thanksgiving Mass to Sacred Heart for Neil, Marie, Matthew and Christina Dennety 11:00 Mathiri Joseph, R.I.P. Anniv. 09:15 Gracey Gallagher (wellbeing)
Mon 2 nd	
Tues 3 rd	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest 09:15 Daniel Cockery R.I.P. Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 4 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 5 th	10:00 Tony Dunne, R.I.P.
Fri 6 th	Saint Nicholas, Bishop 09:15 Parishioners 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 7 th	Saint Ambrose, Bishop 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Magdalena and family (wellbeing) 18:00 Annie Molloy & Susan Stockwell
Sun 8 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 09:00 John Cuthbert R.I.P. 11:00 Dorothy Twomey (wellbeing)

NATIVITY PLAY –

24th December 2024 at the 6:30pm Mass

If your child would like to be a part of our annual Nativity play, please join us in the hall after 11:00 Mass **today (1st Dec)**, to discuss ideas and roles.

CHRISTMAS BRING & SHARE



We will have a Christmas 'Bring & Share' on **8th December 2024 at 12:15**. Please join us in the parish Hall. **Everyone is welcome!**



CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

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

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our 'Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch' will be held on **Saturday 14th Dec between 12pm and 2pm in the parish hall**. Please add your name to the list (stating if you need a lift) if you wish to attend.





SVP SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday 1st December 2024

Our Lady & St Michael's - Church Hall, Garston –

A reminder that the SVP, St Helen's & St Michael's Senior's Christmas Afternoon Tea Party is today (**from 2pm to 4pm**).

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

All parishioners are invited to attend our parish Advent Penitential Service **on 10th December at 7.30pm.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 24th November 2024

Planned Giving: £91.50 Loose Plate: £268.99

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.



The contactless machine is now up and running (thank you for your patience). Using any major payment cards, please select your amount and tap or insert your card to donate (not forgetting to Gift Aid!) It's a fast and easy way to donate. ☺

ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND NOVEMBER 2024 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize: £50: Des Lynch, No. 34

2nd Prize: £40: Tadgh Twomey, No. 79

3rd Prize: £30: Eric & Louise Shepherd, No. 3

Congratulations to all of our winners!

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

The total raised for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund is £329.60. To everyone who donated; thank you for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAMME

There will be a meeting (for those who have already enrolled) to introduce the FHC Programme. It's on **Saturday 7th December 2024 from 10:30 – 11:30** in the Parish Hall. Please bring your child/ren along. The FHC programme will begin in January 2025.

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Due to a number of families relocating, we have a few school places available. To apply:

<https://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2045/in-year-admissions>

Thought for the week: (by Khalil Gibran)

In the depths of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond; And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow, your heart dreams of spring. Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.
