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SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 23 rd	Saint Clement, Pope and Martyr 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 th	SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING 09:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P. 11:00 For parishioners
Mon 25 th	Saint Catherine of Alexandria 09:15 November Dead List
Tues 26 th	09:15 Thomas Kuriakose R.I.P. Anniv. Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 27 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 28 th	10:00 Rosemary Dawson 1 st Anniv (and her Mother Elizabeth Morris, Anniv. yesterday).
Fri 29 th	09:15 November Dead List 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 30 th	SAINT ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 November Dead List 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.

THANK YOU

In a true act of kindness, somebody is anonymously donating a large sum of money towards the decorating of the parish hall kitchen. This is wonderful news; the money will be gratefully received and it will benefit us all. Thank you so much for your compassion and generosity and showing your love for St Helen's community.

May you walk in peace and joy. **Fr Voy.**

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

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

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 next Sunday (1st Dec), to discuss ideas and roles.

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

REQUEST FOR HELP

Magda has recently been diagnosed with a serious illness whilst her husband was recently made redundant from work. I will be truly grateful if we as a parish community, can come together to help her in any way possible, especially financially. There will be collections today and next Sunday for this cause.

Thank you as always. Walk in peace & joy. Fr Voy.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. If you would still like to donate, envelopes are available at the back of the church and you can give online at

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you again.



Our Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 30th 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.

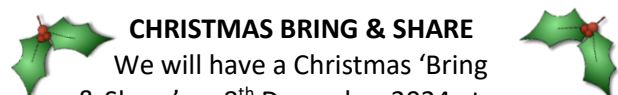
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PROGRAMME

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.



SVP SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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



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!

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our 'Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch' will be on **Saturday 14th Dec between 12pm and 2pm** in the parish hall.



ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

Due to a number of families relocating, we have a few school places available. We are accepting in-year admission applications from parents who wish for their children to continue their education in a Catholic school. To apply:

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

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Legalising assisted suicide will be voted on by MPs on 29th November. Please contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill.

www.livesworthliving.org.uk or write to him/her at:
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 17th November 2024

Planned Giving: £58.00 Loose Plate: £322.69

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.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

The contactless machine is now working again. ☺

SCAM EMAILS IMPERSONATING PARISH PRIESTS

There has been a concerning rise in scam emails impersonating the parish priest, often using a similar email name. The message typically requests you to purchase Amazon or other gift cards for the priest. Please remain vigilant as a number of parishioners have fallen victim to these scams. Please remember:

- Never purchase gift cards for the parish priest, based on an email request.
 - Do not share personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.
 - If you encounter these emails, please report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.
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[Thought for the week: \(by Khalil Gibran\)](#)

From a sensitive woman's heart, springs the happiness of mankind, and from the kindness of her noble spirit comes mankind's affection.
