



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 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 2 nd	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Mary Anne McCarthy, 2 nd Anniv. 18:00 November dead list
Sun 3 rd	THIRTY-SECOND Sunday in ordinary time 09:00 Maribel Nielson, 1 st Anniv. R.I.P 11:00 Michael O'Sullivan, Anniv. R.I.P
Mon 4 th	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 09:15 Patrick Dawson Snr, 55 th Anniv. R.I.P.
Tues 5 th	09:15 John Terence Sherman Moral, 3 rd Anniv. R.I.P. Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 6 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 7 th	Saint Willibrord, Bishop (National) 10:00 November Dead List
Fri 8 th	ALL SAINTS DAY 09:15 November Dead List 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration 12:00 Funeral: Rosanna Cummins
Sat 9 th	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 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 th	THIRTY-SECOND Sunday in ordinary time 09:00 November Dead List 11:00 Peter Linskey, 13 th Anniv. R.I.P.

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.**



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.**

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please help to ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure that they are still greatly appreciated. **Thank you for your generosity.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 27th October 2024

Planned Giving: £74.50 Loose Plate: £289.34
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.

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 with your details. To book a date for baptism, please speak to Fr Voy (following Mass) in the first instance.

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.

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 or tel. 01923 223175. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) ENROLMENT

The final FHC enrolment date is **today** in the sacristy after 11am Mass. Please bring your completed form (available from church/office/parish website), copy of baptism certificate (if not baptised at St Helen's) and your £25.00 book/programme fee.

NOTE: Due to the size of our Parish Hall we have to 'cap' the number of children allowed on the programme. Therefore, priority will be given to the children who live in our parish and attend our Church.

ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND OCTOBER 2024

DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize: £40: Danuta Hayward, No. 2

2nd Prize: £30: Emily Wright, No. 75

3rd Prize: £20: Eric & Louise Shepherd, No. 3

Congratulations to all of our winners!

FATIMA TRIP

For your information, we are planning to have a trip to Fatima from St Helen's parish during September 2025. Further details will follow.

JOB VACANCIES

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Parish Admin/Sec	Garston	12/11/2024
Parish Admin	Harrow on the Hill	13/11/2024
Parish Cleaner	Tring	15/11/2024
Parish Admin/ & Bookkeeper	Willesden	19/11/2024

For further details/roles, see: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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, tel. 01923 223175 or speak to Fr Voy directly. Thank you.

Sunday 24th November at 3.30pm, in the Central Hall, Westminster, Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are hosting a special baby loss remembrance and support service.

[Thought for the week: \(by Rabindranath Tagore, Indian poet & philosopher\)](#)

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.
