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Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful, whatever brings you happiness, may it be yours this Christmas. And I pray that the true spirit of this great event of the Incarnation shines in your heart and illuminates your path. Thank you for your support and guidance this year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr Voy



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES / SERVICES 2024

Christmas Eve: Children's Mass at 18:30

Christmas Eve: Carol Service at 23:30

Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass at 12:00

Christmas Day: Mass at 09:00 & 11:00

St Stephen's Day: Mass at 10:00

Friday 27/12/2024: Mass at 10:00

Saturday 28/12/2024: Mass 10:00 & 18:00

Sunday 29/12/2024: Mass 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 30/12/2024: Mass at 10:00

Tuesday 31/12/2024: Mass at 10:00 and Thanksgiving Mass 20:00

Wednesday 01/01/2025: Mass at 10:00

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 21 st	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P. 18:00 Sabina Abrachamik (Anniv.)
Sun 22 nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 09:00 Roche Family Deceased 11:00 Parishioners
Mon 23 rd	Saint John of Kanty, Priest 09:15 Mark Flaherty (Anniv.) Ita Dornan (Anniv.)
Tues 24 th	09:15 Lishing Fong - Thanksgiving 18:30 Christmas Children's Mass 11:30 Christmas Carol Service 12:00 Midnight Mass (for parishioners)
Wed 25 th	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY 09:00 Bill, Rose & Kevin Cummins R.I.P. 11:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P.
Thurs 26 th	SAINT STEPHEN, The First Martyr 10:00 Rocco Esposito & John Lavelle R.I.P.
Fri 27 th	SAINT JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist 10:00 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P.
Sat 28 th	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 10:00 Verionicia McHale (4 th Anniv.) R.I.P. 18:00 Parishioners
Sun 29 th	SAINT THOMAS BECKET, Bishop 09:00 Aleksandra Kasperczyk (wellbeing) 11:00 Conrad Fernandes R.I.P (B/Day)
Mon 30 th	SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 10:00 Liam Payne R.I.P.
Tues 31 st	SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 10:00 Joe Heraty 20:00 Thanksgiving Mass
Wed 1 st	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 10:00 Parishioners
Thurs 2 nd	10:00 Mrs Anna Ponzini (Anniv.)
Fri 3 rd	09:15 Timothy & Winifred Cronin R.I.P (Anniv.)

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Offertory collection on Christmas Day is traditional, for the benefit of priests working in parishes. Envelopes for contributions can be found in the church porch. **Thank you for your support.**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The next session will be on Saturday 4th January 2025, in the parish hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. If you would like to attend a session, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

CHURCH CLEANING

We really need people who can help with cleaning the church. If you are happy to join a church cleaning rota, please email: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your contact details or tel. 01923 223175. It's your church; please help to take care of it. **Thank you.** 😊

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 15th December 2024

Planned Giving: £106.96 Loose Plate: £283.84
Standing Orders/contactless/online
for November: £3,119.00

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 Payments - 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.

PARKING IN THE SIDE ROAD

We appreciate that it may be difficult to park at busy Mass times at St Helen's, but please do show consideration for our neighbours. They have, on occasions, had their driveways blocked by church visitors. We think you will agree that this is not acceptable and is easily avoidable. **Thank you.** 😊

CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH? We are running Alpha!

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. You'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – you can share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything, or nothing at all. The 12-week course starts on Wednesday 15th January from 7:30pm – 9:00pm, in the hall, with tea/coffee and cake provided. Everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

STATIONS OF THE INFANT JESUS

(by St Alphonsus Liguori)

Doctor of the Church, St Alphonsus Liguori, inspired many with his writings and wisdom. This new edition of his classic Stations of the Infant Jesus will serve as the perfect accompaniment for those looking to draw closer to Jesus this Advent.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/stations-of-the-infant-jesus>. Was £3.95. Now £1.95.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND IN ROME

To celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, the Religious of the Assumption are inviting single women (18-30s) open to discerning a call to consecrated life, to take part in a discernment weekend in Rome, Friday 31st January to Sunday 2nd February 2025. Board and lodging are provided, with participants only paying for their travel. Places are limited, and are open to participants speaking English, Italian, French or Lithuanian. For more information or to register, contact us at vocations@assumpta-eu.org. Deadline: 20th January 2025.

Jubilee 2025: Living Fully with Value and Hope

A pilgrimage to Rome for people with disabilities titled 'Living Fully with Value and Hope' has been organised for Jubilee 2025. It takes place from **26 April to 1 May 2025** and will offer accessible events, prayer, friendship and a morning with Pope Francis. As well as the meeting with the Holy Father in St Peter's Square, the pilgrimage will also see attendees participate in the [official Jubilee events](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/celebrating-jubilee-2025-for-people-with-disabilities) for people with disabilities on 28 and 29 April 2025. For details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/celebrating-jubilee-2025-for-people-with-disabilities>

ALL-SEASON GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

They are all designed by our Sisters at Holy Cross Abbey. Please visit our website: www.hcawhitland.co.uk/shop

HEALTH & SAFETY OVER CHRISTMAS

At this time of year, please be mindful of your personal safety at all times when using the Church. For example, slippery paths and steps which may have fallen leaves and other debris covering them. In the event of an accident, it must be recorded on an Accident Form. (forms are available in the Sacristy and Hall kitchen). Thank you.

Thought for the week: (by Thomas Merton)

We must be true inside, true to ourselves, before we can know a truth that is outside us.
