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SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 09:00 John Cuthbert R.I.P. 11:00 Dorothy Twomey (wellbeing)
Mon 9 th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 09:15 John Brosnan (2 nd Anniv.)
Tues 10 th	Our Lady of Loreto 09:15 James Ngu, birthday Followed by Exposition & Adoration 19:30 Penitential Service
Wed 11 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 12 th	Our Lady of Guadalupe 10:00 Michael McGreevy (3 rd Anniv.)
Fri 13 th	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr 09:15 Steve Simcox (Padre) R.I.P. 09:30 Exposition/ Adoration
Sat 14 th	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Parishioners 16:00 Baptism: 18:00 Mrs M Dockery (wellbeing)
Sun 15 th	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 09:00 Micky O'Connor (8 th Anniv.) 11:00 Brendan O'Shea (1 st Anniv.) and Jim O'Shea

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 BRING & SHARE



Please join us in the parish Hall after 11:00 Mass today for our Christmas 'Bring & Share'.
Everyone is welcome!



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

All parishioners are invited to attend our parish Advent Penitential Service on:

10th December at 7.30pm.

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The next session will be on Saturday 4th January 2025, in the church 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.

THANK YOU

My gratitude to all who organised our Parish Christmas Fair. You did great.

Many thanks also to all of you who came to support this parish event. A good time was had by all and the total raised was **£2,030.5** (which includes **£1,469.10** for the fayre and **£561.40** for the raffle).

Thank you for your efforts. Fr Voy

MAGDA

Thank you so much for the love and kindness you have shown towards both Magda and to our church. She is truly grateful for the money she has received from our parishioners in her time of need. Please continue to pray for her wellbeing and keep her in your thoughts.

Thank you so much for your support. Fr Voy.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Christmas Posters are available at the back of the Church. Please take one to display in a window, and help to spread the true meaning of Christmas.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 1st December 2024

Planned Giving: £114.00 Loose Plate: £330.02
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.

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.*

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 at 10:00 & 18:00

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

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

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

Thanksgiving Mass at 20:00

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

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).

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.

The Christmas Fayre raffle ticket winners were:

1 st prize	£50 cash	Mary Stynes
2 nd Prize	Whiskey	Balazs Fitz
3 rd prize	Oil Burner	Paddy Ryan
4 th prize	Prosecco	Pat Sharkey
5 th prize	Shortbread	Gary Miller
6 th prize	Wine	Betty O'Sullivan
7 th prize	Christmas Pudding	Mary Geelan
8 th prize	Teddy Bear	Adrian O'Brien

Thought for the week: (by Albert Einstein)

Christmas is the festival of peace.

Every year it comes in its own good time.

But peace inside and among us can come only through persistent effort.
