



ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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*If our Christianity is merely a set
of exterior practices camouflaging
a life of compromise with the
weakness and hypocrisy of the
world, we fail in our mission to
manifest the hidden Nature of
God to men in our own lives. We
fail to let people know, by the
spirituality and purity and
strength of our own lives, that
God is love, and that he loves
them all as he loves his own son,
and that he wants them all to
recover their true identity as his
sons and daughters.*

by

Thomas Merton

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat 11 th | 09:15 | Mary Reekhaye |
| | 18:00 | Repose of the Souls of Nicola & Pina Critelli |
| Sun 12 th | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | |
| | 09:00 | Joan Downey (wellbeing) |
| | 11:00 | Our parishioners |
| Mon 13 th | Ordinary Time begins | |
| | Saint Hilary, Bishop | |
| | 09:15 | Mary Hooper |
| Tues 14 th | 09:15 | Giovanni Ponzini (Anniv.) and Mrs Anna Ponzini (Anniv.) |
| Wed 15 th | Church and Office closed | |
| Thurs 16 th | 10:00 | Kath Cuthbert (wellbeing) |
| Fri 17 th | Saint Anthony, Abbot | |
| | 09:15 | John McKewan (1 st Anniv.) |
| Sat 18 th | 09:15 | Pat Breen R.I.P. |
| | 18:00 | Repose of the Souls of Nicola & Pina Critelli |
| Sun 19 th | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| | 09:00 | Patricia O'Sullivan (Anniv.) |
| | 11:00 | Sean Stynes (15 th Anniv.) |

CURIOUS ABOUT FAITH? WE ARE RUNNING AN ALPHA COURSE. Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. The 12-week course starts on Wednesday 15th January from 7:30pm – 9:00pm, in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to return.

HOLY ROOD SCHOOL AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH

On Thursday 16th January 2025, Holy Rood Year Group will be attending for family Mass, offertory procession, first reading and bidding prayers.

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 would like to attend a session, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Support your Parish. Volunteers needed, regular or occasional for maintenance, gardening etc. If you can help, please contact Shirлие (Parish Secretary on 01923-223175) or speak to Father Voy directly.
Thank you.

HEALTH & SAFETY DURING WINTER

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.

BINGO AT ST HELEN'S

A reminder that Bingo takes place on Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall. New faces are very welcome (you don't have to be parishioners!) Come along and have some fun!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 5th January 2025

Planned Giving: £34.00: Loose Plate: £281.87
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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

11th to 18th June 2025. 7 days Full Board. Daily Mass and Rosary, spiritual talks, Tour of Fatima Shrine and lots more. Cost is £895.00 pp, twin room. £995.00 single room. £300 deposit to be sent with application. Balance to be paid by 9th April 2025. BA flight from London Heathrow. Booking form available from www adaywithmary.org or call 020 86416418.

A Year of Hope: Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday,
An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. online. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

SYNOD - 25 January 2025

Saturday 25 January 2025, 10.00 for 10.30 - 16.00,
London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Tea/Coffee etc available. Bring-&-Share Lunch. To register, please send your name, parish, diocese, community or organisation before 23 January; FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk. For further details, please call 020 8986 0807.

Friday 7th March to Sunday 9th March 2025.

Fr Marinko Šakota OFM, the former parish priest of St James, Medjugorje will lead the Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London. Please see poster for details.

[Thought for the week: \(by Thomas Merton\)](#)

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.