



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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Priest of the Diocese

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## SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2025

*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*  
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	08:30	Confession/Exposition/Adoration
	09:15	Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P.
	11:00	Baptism: Lilley Dalzell
	18:00	Steve Wiles R.I.P (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Eddie Sharkey (30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
	11:00	Kevin Cummins
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	Steve Landy
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	Margaret McGing
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Church and Office closed</b>
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Betty Downey (wellbeing)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	Ciaran & Caitlin Landy
	12:00	Funeral: Leonie Fernando
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	09:15	Mary Reekhaye
	18:00	Repose of the Souls of Nicola & Pina Critelli
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
	09:00	Joan Downey (wellbeing)
	11:00	Our parishioners

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**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 come back.

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### 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](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk) with your details.

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

Planned Giving: £55.00: Loose Plate: £330.81

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Christmas Collection: Loose Plate: £603.85

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Planned Giving: £69.50: Loose Plate: £284.31

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.**

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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*

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**A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.....**Support your Parish. Volunteers needed, regular or occasional for maintenance, gardening etc. If you can help, please contact Shirly (Parish Secretary on 01923-223175) or speak to Father Voy. **Thank you.** 😊

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**ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND DECEMBER 2024  
DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize: £40: Barbara Williams, No. 61

2nd Prize: £30: Bayue Huang, No. 37

3rd Prize: £20: Sadie Vile, No. 76

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

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**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.

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

You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.

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