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SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 15 th	Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
09:15	Rodney Marron
18:00	Anton Fernando Pius Lopez
Sun 16 th	09:00 Helen O'Shea (Anniv.)
	11:00 Mathai Punnamkuzhy (Anniv.)
Mon 17 th	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
	09:15 Michael Caulfield R.I.P.
Tues 18 th	09:15 Francesca Fanning (Wellbeing)
	10:30 Funeral Service for Betty Davis
Wed 19 th	Church and Office closed
Thurs 20 th	10:00 Mary Mullen R.I.P.
Fri 21 st	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
	09:15 Thanksgiving (Wedding Anniv. for Mr & Mrs Gabriel Moral
Sat 22 nd	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
	09:15 Mary Flaherty R.I.P (1 month Anniv).
	18:00 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P
Sun 23 rd	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	09:00 Mrs Claire O'Shea R.I.P.
	11:00 Dione & Clayton (Thanksgiving Mass)

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

Today is the thirtieth anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. The theme this year: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice". For reflections on racial justice, prayers, resources and/or if you wish to donate, you can do so at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) – THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your generosity to the 'Aid to the Church in Need' Appeal last week. They will let us know how much was raised in a couple of weeks.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your generosity to the Christmas CRIB collection. A cheque for £330.60, was sent to the Catholic Children's Society, for which they are extremely grateful.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The next baptismal preparation session will take place on Saturday 3rd May 2025, in the Parish Hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. To book, please email the Parish Office: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 9th February 2025

Planned Giving: £103.30: Loose Plate: £347.06

Standing Orders/contactless/online
for December: £3,554.00

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.

50/50 FUND RENEWAL

The current year's fund will be ending soon. Renewal forms will be available from next weekend (22/23 February).



ST PATRICK'S NIGHT EVENT

22ND MARCH 2025

Our St Patrick's celebration will take place on Saturday 22nd March this year. Please make a note in your diary to join us in the parish hall from 7pm until 11pm for a fun night of laughter, music & dancing/raffle/Irish coffee. Light meal included, please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses (£10 Adult, £5 children).

PARISH GROUPS

A reminder that Bingo is on Tuesdays from 5.30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Thursday, the 'Tea & Coffee' Club meet in the parish hall after 10:00 Mass. Everyone welcome.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

A warm welcome to all of our 'new' parishioners. Would you like to get involved? We need more volunteers to assist with a variety of roles in the parish. If you can help, please email watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or tel. 01923 223175. Any time you can spare to help your church, will be hugely appreciated. Thank you.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025 AT 2:30PM

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give your parish: husband & wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). Email watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or call 01923 223175.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME (FHC)

For those enrolled in the FHC programme, session 4 takes place on Saturday 1st March 2025 from 10:30 – 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS ROLES

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is recruiting School Governors for a number of local school Boards around Watford. Interested? Please contact Christina Reffold, Director of Governance & Compliance at governance@ascat.co.uk or complete the form at <https://forms.gle/9XHc98pgQCjqNfG7A>

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Details of this year's Confirmation Programme will follow. Confirmation will take place on Friday 20th June 2025 with Bishop Paul.

DIARY OF EVENTS

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 01.03.25 (9.45am to 5.00pm). <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcaatholic.com/> or call 020 86416418.

INVITATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Joel's Bar is a young adults ministry which runs Catholic Charismatic events for those aged 18-28. We are passionate about seeing young people inspired and equipped to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Joel's Bar 2025 is a week full of opportunities at Worth Abbey, Crawley from 6th to 11th April 2025. It includes the Sacraments, praise and worship, prayer ministry, personal prayer, workshops, small group discussion, sports, entertainment and socialising in the café/bar. Further details and tickets are available at joelsbar.co.uk. Your ticket includes accommodation and all meals.

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. If interested, please email watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or call 01923 223175.

Thought for the week: (by Thomas Merton)

By faith we know God without seeing Him. By hope we possess God without feeling His presence.