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SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 1 st	<i>SAINT DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i> 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09:15 Linda Whipp, Special Int. 18:00 The sick of The Parish
Sun 2 nd	09:00 Parishioners 11:00 Delia Gurdler & Colin Thornton R.I.P.
Mon 3 rd	09:15 Patrick Fogarty R.I.P.
Tues 4 th	<i>Saint Casimir</i> 09:15 Ciss O'Brien
Wed 5 th	<i>Ash Wednesday – Day of Fast & Abstinence. Start of Lent</i> 09:15 Annie & Susan (wellbeing) Sacramental receiving of ashes 19:00 Sacramental receiving of ashes
Thurs 6 th	10:00 Patricia Welsh R.I.P.
Fri 7 th	<i>Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i> 09:15 Grace Chungong Anniv. Stations of the cross follows Mass
Sat 8 th	<i>Saint John of God</i> 09:15 Kath Cuthbert (wellbeing) 18:00 Our parishioners
Sun 9 th	<i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i> 09:00 John Cuthbert (1 st Anniv.) 11:00 Bill Cummins (2 nd Anniv.)

NEW PARISH MASS BOOK APPEAL – WK 2

(by Catherine Badzek)

We will be purchasing copies of the revised edition of the Parish Mass Book, which has been completely updated/re-set according to the new Lectionary. We will purchase the books as they become available and so we will run our Appeal in phases, with phase 1 starting now for 6 weeks. We aim to raise £3,000 in total. **Thank you in advance for your support.**

VISIT BY BISHOP PAUL

We will be pleased to welcome Bishop Paul as he celebrates all 3 weekend Masses on 15th and 16th March 2025 at St Helen's Church.

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.

PARISH GROUPS

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.

*But the language of
Christianity has been so used
and so misused that sometimes
you distrust it: you do not
know whether or not behind
the word 'Cross' there stands
the experience of mercy and
salvation, or only the threat of
punishment. If my word
means anything to you, I can
say to you that I have
experienced the Cross to mean
mercy and not cruelty, truth
and not deception: that the
news of the truth and love of
Jesus is indeed the true good
news, but in our time it speaks
out in strange places.*

by

Thomas Merton

50/50 FUND - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please enrol for the new fund now. Spare Application Forms are available from the Parish Hall Lobby. Completed forms can be returned by post (*no cash by post please*) or put through the Presbytery letterbox. **Thank you for your continued support.**

ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND FEBRUARY 2025 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize: £40: Danuta Hayward, No. 2

2nd Prize: £30: Sadie Vile, No. 76

3rd Prize: £20: Jim Morris, No. 77

Congratulations to all of our winners!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 23rd February 2025

Planned Giving: £52.30: Loose Plate: £353.17

Standing Orders/contactless/online
for January: £3,271.00

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.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope to many lives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, is really grateful for your contribution which will help fund vital projects across our Diocese. Donation envelopes are available or donate online. Thank you for your kindness and support.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT EVENT

22ND MARCH 2025 (7PM TO 11PM)



A night of fun, music & dancing, raffle and Irish coffee. A light meal is

included, please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses (£10 Adult, £5 child)

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on **Saturday 5th April at 2pm**. If you or anyone you know (individuals, couples/families) might find comfort in attending, please invite them. Thank you.

GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is recruiting Governors for local schools Governing Boards. If you are interested, please contact Christina Reffold: governance@ascat.co.uk

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 5 takes place on Saturday 8th March 2025 from 10:30 – 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Come and hear from Fr Paschal Uche about helping to save and change lives during Lent this year by praying near the abortion centre in Brixton, Monday, 3rd March 6.30pm, St Bede's Catholic Church Hall 58 Thornton Road, London SW12 0LF. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064.

HEALING MASS

FRIDAY 28TH March at 7pm. Holy Rood Church, Market Street, Watford. All welcome.

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at 'Our Lady & St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford, on **Saturday 12th April 2025**. All welcome.

Did you know..... That the world's biggest pancake was cooked in Rochdale (Greater Manchester) in 1994; it was 15 meters in diameter, weighed three tons, and had an estimated two million calories! Happy Flipping! 😊

Thought for the week: (by Thomas Merton)

Our vocation is not simply to be, but to work together with God in the creation of our own life, our own identity, our own destiny...To work out our identity in God.
