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SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 15 th	08:30	Confession/Exposition/Adoration
	09:15	Patricia O'Sullivan (B/Day Anniv.) R.I.P.
	18:00	David Kissane
Sun 16 th	09:00	John Cuthbert, R.I.P.
	11:00	Our Parishioners
Mon 17 th		SAINT PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
	09:15	Tony Dunne (1 st Anniversary) and Bridie Geary R.I.P.
Tues 18 th		Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
		SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	09:15	Mary Murtagh R.I.P. Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Wed 19 th		Church and Office closed
Thurs 20 th	10:00	Joe Heraty R.I.P.
Fri 21 st		Lent Fast Day
	09:15	John Roche (Anniversary) Stations of the cross follows Mass
Sat 22 nd		Saint John of God
	09:15	Mr C.Y. Varghese Panicker (R.I.P. Anniv.)
	12:00	Baptism: A. Appiah
	18:00	Our parishioners
Sun 23 rd		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
	09:00	Matthew Adrian Brown (Thanksgiving & health & blessing for Holiness)
	11:00	The Cullen family (wellbeing)

VISIT BY BISHOP PAUL

A warm welcome to Bishop Paul as he celebrates all three Masses with us this weekend at St Helen's Church. Bishop Paul is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible during his visit.

BRING & SHARE

We also have a **Bring & Share** today in the parish hall after 11:00 Mass. All welcome.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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 contributions which will help fund vital projects across our Diocese. Donation envelopes are available from the church or please donate online.

[Thank you for your kindness and support.](#)

*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

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT EVENT



22ND MARCH 2025 (7PM TO 11PM)

Tickets are selling fast for Saturday's event but we still have some available so please don't delay! A fun night of music and dancing. There will be a raffle & Irish coffee. A light meal is included; please bring your own drinks. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Mass (£10 Adult, £5 child), or contact Jackie via email: jackie@2020site.co.uk or pop into the church office.

NEW PARISH MASS BOOK APPEAL – WK 4

We have had a good response to our Appeal. We are purchasing the books as they become available and so, with this in mind, we will pause our Appeal after this week and start phase 2 [of the Appeal] when necessary. We aim to raise £3,000 in total.

Thank you very much again for your support.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 9th March 2025

Planned Giving: £57.00 Loose Plate: £404.74
Standing Orders/contactless/online
for February: £3,251.00

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 - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't done so already, please enrol for the new fund now. Application Forms are available from the back of the church or Parish Hall Lobby. Completed forms can be put through the Presbytery letterbox or posted (*no cash by post please*) **Thank you for your continued support.**

ST HELEN'S QUIZ OF QUIZ SHOWS

Save the date! The next St Helen's Quiz Night is on Saturday 26th April 2025. Details to follow soon.

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL OPEN Morning Friday 21st March 9.30-11.30

Observe lessons, meet our team, and experience the distinctive quality of our Columban community. See <https://stcolumbascollege.org/> to register.

CARITAS SURVEY

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England & Wales. The survey is at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey and it closes **on 25th March.**

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, 17/05/25 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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Details about this year's Confirmation Programme will be printed next week. Confirmation will take place on Friday 20th June 2025 with Bishop Paul.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HEALING MASS

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

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.

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.

Thought for the week: (by Thomas Merton)

In meditative prayer, one thinks and speaks not only with the mind and lips, but in a certain sense with one's whole being... All good meditative prayer is a conversation of our entire self to God.
