



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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- Sat 10th 8.30 Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
09:15 Souls in Purgatory killed in car accident  
18:00 Mary Harper
- Sun 11th ***The Baptism of the Lord***  
09:00 Mary Pepe R.I.P Anniversary  
11:00 Tom McLoughlin R.I.P
- Mon 12th ***Saint Aelred of Rievaulx***  
09:15 Selena Reekhaye

#### EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES

Tues 13th ***Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

09:15 Mary Welsh R.I.P anniversary

Wed 14th Church and Office closed

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 James Kearney R.I.P

*Mass intentions offered by Fr. Voy while away and on new dates in the future.*

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> No mass

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> ***Saint Anthony, Abbot***

8.30 Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

09.15 Ciaran Landy

18:00 Mary Reekhaye

Sun 18th ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

09:00 Anna Ponzini Anniversary

11:00 Sean Stynes Anniversary

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#### SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2026

White Flower Appeal – 2026 – The society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission.

Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide.

Your support means everything to us. Please be generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

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*God seeks Himself in us, and the aridity and sorrow of our heart is the sorrow of God who is not known in us, who cannot find Himself in us because we do not dare to believe or trust the incredible truth that He could live in us, and live there out of choice, out of preference. But indeed, we exist solely for this, to be the place He has chosen for His presence, His manifestation in the world, His epiphany.*

*- Thomas Merton*

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SPUC will be holding a collection next week at the end of the mass to promote the right to life in our society.

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**FAIRTRADE:** The Watford Town Fairtrade Steering Group has very few active members (including one from Holy Rood RC Church) and needs some more people to join the group. If you can help and would consider joining the group, please contact Fr Voy or Edla, the Parish secretary, as soon as possible.

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of the Prep School by our current students and to hear from the Prep Leadership Team. Please register using the following link: [Visit Us - St Columba's College](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mary Masters at [masters.m@stcolumbascollege.org](mailto:masters.m@stcolumbascollege.org).

### **Marriage Care**

Join Marriage Care for a Growing Together Marriage Enrichment Day. The workshop style event, for couples at any stage of marriage, is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, from 10 am to 5 pm in Finchley. The day offers a meaningful opportunity to strengthen and deepen your bond alongside developing some practical tools. The cost is £75 per couple, but please speak to us if this is more than you can afford to pay. For more details or to book, contact Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801 (Monday–Thursday, 9 am–6 pm) or email: [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk)

### **Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat**

Friday 13 March to Sunday 15 March 2026 at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London to be led by **Fr Svetozar Kraljević OFM**. For more information and to book please contact Paul Spencer at [pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com](mailto:pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com) or on 07710567183

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026.

It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother.

Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026 Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call millie on 07957594646 for more info.

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**Thought for the week:** Information is not knowledge. The only source of knowledge is experience. You need experience to gain wisdom. – Albert Einstein

Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experiment. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing – Helen Keller.

The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute, the man who does not ask is a fool for life – Confucius (Chinese philosopher 5c)

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 28th December 2025** Planned Giving:

£38.00 Loose Plate: £510.48

Standing Orders/contactless/online  
for November: £3,192.00

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.***

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 4th January 2026** Planned Giving: £66.12

Loose Plate: £392.97

Standing Orders/contactless/online  
for December: £3,694.00

If you would like to set up a monthly  
Standing Order, our bank details are:

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### **ST HELEN'S 50–50 FUND DECEMBER 2025 DRAW WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £40 - Breda McNulty, no. 20

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: £30 - J & T Twomey, no. 58

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: £20 - Jeff Pratley, no. 43

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

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### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

#### **FHC PROGRAMME 2026**

First meeting to be held in the Church Hall Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am. The first teaching session will commence on 17<sup>th</sup> January in the church hall between 10.30am – 11.30am.

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

St. Helen's Quiz night will take place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

#### **ST COLUMBA'S PREP SCHOOL OPEN MORNING**

St Columba's College Prep School are having an Open Morning on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February between 9.00am and 11.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a tour