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SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 17 th	Saint Anthony, Abbot 8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration 09.15 Ciaran Landy 18:00 Mary Reekhay
Sun 18 th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 09:00 Anna Ponzini Anniversary 11:00 Sean Stynes Anniversary
Mon 19 th	Saint Wulstan 09:15 Mary Welsh R.I.P anniversary
Tues 20 th	Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr 09:15 Patricia O'Sullivan R.I.P anniversary Followed by Benediction + Adoration
Wed 21 st	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Church and Office closed
Thurs 22 nd	Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr 10:00 Gloria Goodman
Fri 23 rd	9.15 Mary McGraig Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Sat 24 th	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8.30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration 09.15 Catlin Landy 18:00 Mary and Mark Flaherty R.I.P anniv
Sun 25 th	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 09:00 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P 11:00 Mrs. Michelle O'Connor R.I.P

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.

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

*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

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.

Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801 (Monday–Thursday, 9 am–6 pm) or email: appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 11th January 2026 Planned Giving: £41.23

Loose Plate: £362.24

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

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.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AT ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

The funeral for the repose of the soul of Mrs Kathleen Cuthbert will take place on the 12th February at 11am. Reception of the body into the church will be on the 11th February at 5pm.

The funeral for Mrs Malgorzata Marta Petrylak will take place on the first week of February, date and time to be confirmed.

DIARY OF EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

St. Helen's Quiz night will take place on Saturday, **28th 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 6th February between 9.00am and 11.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a tour 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](https://www.stcolumbascollege.org). If you have any questions, please contact Mary Masters at 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 21st 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

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 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.

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)