



ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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My own feeling is that Christian thought is largely hampered by fear, and does not dare to do what we, in the Holy Spirit, ought to be most ready to do: to realize our immediate union with God in the order of grace. We have not known and tasted the things that have been given to us in Christ. Instead we built around ourselves walls and offices and cells and chambers of all sorts, and filled them full of bureaucratic litter, and buried ourselves in dust and documents, and now we wonder why we cannot see God, or leap to do His will.

- Thomas Merton

SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat 31st **Saint John Bosco, Priest**
8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09.15 Our Parishioners
11:00 Baptism : Daisy Power
18:00 Thomas Dornan and Ita Dornan R.I.P anniversary
- Sun 1st **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
09:00 Anton Fernando R.I.P anniversary
11:00 Vernon Conlan R.I.P
- Mon 2nd **The Presentation of the Lord**
09:15 Carol Costello wellbeing
10:00 Baptism : Paul Burke
- Tues 3rd **Saints Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury**
09:15 Seamus Doherty R.I.P
Followed by Benediction + Adoration
- Wed 4th 11:00 Funeral : Malgorzata Marta Petrylak
Office closed
- Thurs 5th **Saint Agatha**
10:00 Bernadette Pearce R.I.P anniversary
- Fri 6th **Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**
9.15 Fr. Janbak R.I.P anniversary
Dorothy Twomey R.I.P
Followed by Exposition & Adoration
- Sat 7th 8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09.15 James Kearney R.I.P
11:00 Baptism : Winnie Taylor
18:00 Delia Gurdler, Colin Thurnton R.I.P
- Sun 8th **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
09:00 Kathleen Cuthbert R.I.P
11:00 Alice Ginty R.I.P
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ST. HELENS CHURCH – ELECTRICAL UPGRADE APPEAL

Urgent work is required to upgrade the wiring and electrical installations. We will be taking **collections this week and the next** towards this cause.

Blue Gift Aid envelopes and plain envelopes are available at the back of the church. Contactless payments are also possible at the card machine at the back of the hall.

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and support.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AT ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

The funeral for Ms Malgorzata Marta Petrylak will take place on the 4th of Feb at 11am followed by a burial service at the North Watford Cemetery.

The funeral for Mrs Kathleen Cuthbert will take place on the 12th Feb at 11am followed by a Committal service at

North Watford Cemetery. Reception of the body into the church will be on the 11th February at 5pm

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
Sunday 25th January 2026** Planned Giving: £82.49
Loose Plate: £447.53
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.

PILGRIMAGE – FÁTIMA AND VARIOUS HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PLACES IN LISBON

Pilgrimage to Fátima and various historical and cultural places in Lisbon is being organized by Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Garston as a **joint pilgrimage** with St. Helens Church.

The cost is approximately £1100 per pilgrim which includes

1. Flight from London to Portugal and return.
2. Hotel and Food
3. Tours to different places

Itinerary:

Arrival date - 10th May.

11th – 13th May – Journey to and stay in Fátima.

13th Afternoon : Coimbra (visit to St. Lucy's residence)

14th May : Tour to various Shrines in Braga

15th May – Return to London.

Detailed Itinerary to follow. Early expressions of interest are appreciated. Please contact parish office at watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk

Join Our Church Choir (Ages 16+)

We're inviting young people aged 16 and over to join our church choir. We are a friendly group all in all, offering light and relaxed singing training.

We sing for the Lord, with faith and love, and would be happy to welcome anyone who would like to be part of our choir.

Please contact the church office to register your interest

ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND JANUARY 2026 DRAW WINNERS

1st: £40 - no.11, R C Lloyd

2nd: £30 - no.51, Eric Shepherd

3rd: £20 - no. 9, Pat Sharkey

Congratulations to all of our winners!

THANK YOU - SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2026

Thank you for donating to the White Flower Appeal – 2026 – The society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC). Together, we have raised £465.44 towards this worthy cause.

DIARY OF EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

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

HOLY ROOD SCHOOL AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH

On Thursday 5th February 2026, pupils from Holy Rood School will be attending for family Mass, offertory procession, first reading and bidding prayers.

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

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).