



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026

### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> ***Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***  
8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration  
09.15 Catlin Landy  
18:00 Mark Flaherty and Mary Flaherty R.I.P anniversary
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> ***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
09:00 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P  
11:00 Mrs. Michelle O'Connor R.I.P
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> ***Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops***  
09:15 Special Intention
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> ***Saint Angela Merici***  
09:15 Micheal O'Sullivan R.I.P anniversary  
Followed by Benediction + Adoration
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> ***Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church***  
Church and Office closed
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Children of Holyrood
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 9.15 Martin Ryan anniversary  
Followed by Exposition & Adoration
- Sat 31<sup>st</sup> ***Saint John Bosco, Priest***  
8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration  
09.15 Carol Costello – Wellbeing  
11:00 Baptism : Daisy Power  
18:00 Thomas Dornan and Ita Dornan R.I.P anniversary
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> ***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
09:00 Anton Fernando R.I.P anniversary  
11:00 Vernon Conlan R.I.P
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#### ST. HELENS CHURCH – ELECTRICAL UPGRADE APPEAL

St Helens Church has in recent months been facing **serious problems with our electrical wiring** and installations. These faults have already caused repeated power failures, at times leaving parts of our church in darkness.

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

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

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#### UPCOMING FUNERALS AT ST. HELEN'S CHURCH

The funeral for Mrs 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 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am followed by a Committal service at

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

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

**Sunday 18th January 2026** Planned Giving: £98

Loose Plate: £384.90

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.*

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### 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 - 10<sup>th</sup> May.

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May – Journey to and stay in Fátima.

13<sup>th</sup> Afternoon : Coimbra (visit to St. Lucy's residence)

14<sup>th</sup> May : Tour to various Shrines in Braga

15<sup>th</sup> May – Return to London.

Detailed Itinerary to follow. Early expressions of interest are appreciated. Please contact parish office at [watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk)

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### GENEROUS DONATION

In a true act of kindness, David and Martin Holt and family have made a generous donation of £1000 to St. Helens Church in memory of their parents Ken and Mary Holt R.I.P.

Thank you so much for your compassion and generosity and showing your love for St Helen's community.

May you walk in peace and joy. Fr Voy.

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### DIARY OF EVENTS

#### QUIZ NIGHT

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

### HOLY ROOD SCHOOL AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](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

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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).