



ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 28 th	8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration 09.15 Charles Brown R.I.P 12:00 Baptism : Cillian Bourke 18:00 Our Parishioners
Sun 1 st	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> 09:00 Pawel Lisiuk R.I.P 11:00 Kath Cuthbert R.I.P
Mon 2 nd	<i>Saint David</i> 09:15 Tommy Keenan R.I.P 11:00 Funeral : Joan Vincent R.I.P
Tues 3 rd	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 09:15 Felizardo Barretto R.I.P anniversary Basil Sackett 90 th Birthday Followed by Benediction + Adoration
Wed 4 th	<i>Saint Casimir</i> <i>Church and Office Closed.</i>
Thurs 5 th	10:00 Whitney Family R.I.P anniversary Followed by Tea and coffee in the Church hall
Fri 6 th	9.15 Kathleen Cuthbert R.I.P Followed by Stations of the Cross
Sat 7 th	<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> 8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration 09.15 Ronald Leonard James Brown R.I.P 11:00 Baptism : Maya Iris and Hunter Fitzgerald 18:00 Our Parishioners
Sun 8 th	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> 09:00 Glynn Johnson R.I.P 11:00 Joan Vincent R.I.P <i>Bring and Share after 11am mass</i>

LENTEN REFLECTIONS – TALKS BY SR. DOMINICA

Join us at the Parish hall on Thursday between 7-8pm for Lenten Scripture reflections with **Sr. Dominica**.

This Thurs 5 Mar - "Tormented by thirst"
(Exod 17:3)

Please see posters for the full schedule. All are welcome

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will observe the stations of the cross every Friday after the 9.15 mass.

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

CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL 2026

“Because we are formed in faith, we are sent in love.” Our annual Lenten Appeal across the Diocese supports one shared mission: helping people encounter Christ and live that faith in love and service.

Through **Education, Youth & Evangelisation**, and **Marriage & Family Life**, the diocese forms hearts, nurtures faith, and strengthens families within our parishes. Through **Social Action**, that formed faith reaches outward, ensuring that no one in our communities faces life’s hardest moments alone.

Your generous support this Lent will enable the Church to continue walking with people at every stage of life and be a visible sign of Christ’s love, both within our parishes and among our neighbours. To donate today please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal. Alternatively, envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your support and for helping our diocesan family to continue this vital work. **Collections towards this cause will be taken on 1st and 8th March.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 15th February 2026 Planned Giving:

£63.17 Loose Plate: £391.08

Standing Orders/contactless/online
for January: £3,446.00

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

HSBC Bank: WRC DT 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 **Joan Vincent** will be held on the **2nd March 2026 at 11am.**

ST HELENS CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026.

Confirmation will take place on Friday 26th June 2026 with Bishop Paul. Forms are available at the back of the church. Please complete and return by the 8th March 26. Course details to follow.

ST HELEN’S CHURCH- 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 

50/50 FUND - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/FINAL DRAW

The current year’s fund will be ending this Sunday, with the final draw for February. This year the fund has brought in £550 for the parish - please enrol now for 2026/27 and help raise much needed funds for St Helen's. An application form is attached: completed forms can be returned by post (no cash by post please) or put through the Presbytery letterbox. Spare application forms are available from the hall lobby.

Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL.

This Lent CAFOD is appealing for food help particularly in Sudan which is one of the worse food crises in recent times. As well as the Friday Fast Day there is a CAFOD online Lent Appeal site that you donate to. <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

DIARY OF EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

St. Helens Church Quiz Night, **February 28th at 7 pm.** £5 per person.

ST. HELEN’S BRING & SHARE

Sunday, **8th March 2026**, after the 11am mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

ST PATRICKS NIGHT CELEBRATION

Please join us on the 21st March at the Parish hall between 7 -11pm for St. Patricks night celebration. Tickets are on sale after Sunday masses. Irish coffee, music and dancing and a fun family evening included.

OUR LADY & ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH - Garston

Lenten Retreat Day – with Fr Eamon Mulcahy CSSp, Saturday 7th March 10am – 3pm

A Day with Mary - Saturday 21st March 10am – 4,15 pm. Please see noticeboard for more information.

ST. MICHEALS SCHOOL – GREASE MUSICAL

This year’s school production of Grease, presented by the pupils of St Michael’s School Catholic High School in the school hall will take place on Thursday, 19th March and Friday, 20th March 2026. Doors will open at 5.30pm, with the show starting promptly at 6pm. Tickets are available to purchase by emailing the school's office team at finance@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk

THANK YOU FROM FR. VOY

My gratitude and thanks for your generous donations towards the Electric Appeal. Together we have raised £4,305 towards the repairs to the church electrics.

The quote for the electric works has come in at £3,180. The remainder of your donations will be put towards repairing the Church Boiler which has recently developed a leak.

Thank you once again for your generosity. God Bless you All.

Fr. Voy

Thought for the week: Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. - **Maya Angelou**

Insanity in Individuals is something rare – but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule – **Friedrich Nietzsche**

The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are so certain of themselves, but the wise so full of doubts – **Bertrand Russell**

The desire to possess is the curse of human life – **DT Suzuki**