



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026

### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	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 anniversary
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 09:00 Kathleen Cuthbert R.I.P 11:00 Alice Ginty R.I.P anniversary
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	09:15 Margaret Sacket R.I.P
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Scholastica</i></b> 09:15 Eucharistic service
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b> Church and Office closed 17:00 Reception of the body of <b>Kathleen Cuthbert</b> into church
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Patricia Welsh R.I.P anniversary 11:00 Funeral : Kathleen Cuthbert
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 David Robert Jones R.I.P Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i></b> 8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration 09.15 Thanksgiving mass Clayton and Dione 18:00 Mrs Concetta Critelli R.I.P
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 09:00 Mary O'Connor R.I.P anniversary 11:00 Helen O'Shea R.I.P anniversary

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#### ST. HELENS CHURCH – ELECTRICAL UPGRADE APPEAL

This week is the last collection towards the St. Helen's electrical upgrade.

If you would like to donate towards this cause or towards St Helens general building maintenance in the following weeks, please continue to use the contactless machine. Cash donations can be presented to Fr. Voy or the office team.

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

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

The funeral for **Mrs Kathleen Cuthbert** will take place on the **12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am** followed by a Committal service at 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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#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 26. Course details to follow.

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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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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

**Sunday 1st February 2026** Planned Giving: £73

Loose Plate: £379.55

Standing Orders/contactless/online  
for December: £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.*

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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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### THANK YOU – CRIB APPEAL

Thank you for your donation to the Catholic Children's Society enabling them to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families. The total sum collected by our parishioners was £460.

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### DIARY OF EVENTS

#### QUIZ NIGHT

St. Helens Church Quiz Night, February 28th at 7 pm. £5 per person. Individuals, pairs, or teams of up to 8. Bring your own food and drink, Raffle (Please donate one prize per table). Tickets available after 9am Mass in hall or to book please contact

Louise Shepherd on 07983 380150

Or [louisemshep@gmail.com](mailto:louisemshep@gmail.com)

### HOLYROOD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Nursery Admissions - Applications are now open!

Our September 2026 Nursery places are for children who will become four years of age between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027.

All places are offered on a 15 hour basis. (8:30am-11:45am). There are a limited number of 30 hour places available (8:30am-3pm), depending on eligibility.

For further information please see our website at [Holy Rood Catholic Primary School - Nursery Admissions](https://www.holyroodcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk). Or you can contact our Admissions Secretary Miss Emma Chandler directly on 01923 223785, or via email at [admissions@holyrood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@holyrood.herts.sch.uk)

#### 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).