



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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- Sat 7th ***Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs***  
8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration  
09.15 Ronald Leonard James Brown R.I.P  
11:00 Baptism : Maya Iris and Hunter  
Fitzgerald  
18:00 David and Barbara Gomm R.I.P
- Sun 8th ***Third Sunday of Lent***  
09:00 Glynn Johnson R.I.P  
11:00 Joan Vincent R.I.P  
Bring and Share after 11am mass
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 09:15 Alexander Cole R.I.P
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 09:15 Kathleen Cuthbert R.I.P  
Followed by Benediction + Adoration
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> *Church and Office Closed.*
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Maureen Walsh R.I.P  
Followed by Tea and coffee in the Church hall
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15 Maureen Lydon R.I.P  
Followed by Stations of the Cross
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration  
09.15 Pawel Lisuik R.I.P  
18:00 Joseph Silva R.I.P anniv
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***  
09:00 Jan and Mariusz Laciak R.I.P  
11:00 Patrick & Kathleen Hynes R.I.P  
Joe Heraty R.I.P

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#### **DOMINICA**

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

#### **Dominica.**

**This Thurs 12 Mar** *"The Lord looks at the heart"*  
(1 Sam 16:7)

Please see posters for the full schedule. All are welcome

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#### **THANK YOU FROM FR. VOY**

##### Electrics Appeal

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

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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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## Quiz night

The quiz night was a lovely evening. Thank you to the organiser's Eric and Louise Shepherd and all the volunteers and parishioners who joined in to make it a success. Together, you raised £537.10 towards St. Helen's church.

- Fr. Voy

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## **CARDINALS LENTEN APPEAL 2026**

As we continue our journey through Lent, thank you to everyone who has already supported the Lenten Appeal. The priorities of the appeal touch the lives of parishioners every day: families seeking support, young people shaping their future, individuals facing difficult circumstances, and parishes responding with care and compassion. This special Appeal provides a meaningful way for people to contribute to our shared work. I invite you to pray, to reflect, and to give as you are able, so that together we may continue this vital work of faith, hope, and love across our diocese.

[www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal).

Please see envelopes at the back of the church. **Last collect this week 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

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### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026:** Planned Giving: £98.75

Loose Plate: £444.18

Standing Orders/contactless/online  
for February: £3,735.00

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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## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

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## **ST HELEN'S 50-50 FUND FEBRUARY 2026 DRAW WINNERS**

1st: £40 – no 51, Eric Shepherd

2nd: £30 - no 72, Caroline Ginty

3rd: £20 - no 53, Simon Siegel

**Congratulations to all of our winners!**

## **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.

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## **DIARY OF EVENTS**

### **ST. HELEN'S BRING & SHARE**

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

### **ST PATRICKS NIGHT CELEBRATION**

Please join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

A Day with Mary - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:finance@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk)

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**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***.