

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 have 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..

By
Thomas Merton

ST HELEN'S PRAYER GROUP :

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP : You are invited to join our Prayer group on Mondays at 7pm at the Presbytery.

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 19th ***Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Marie Britter 100th Birthday
11:00 Baptism : Jude Robert Guy Gerrard
18:00 Nigel Allan Galstaun R.I.P
Sun 20th 09:00 Nigel Allan Galstaun R.I.P
11:00 Mrs. MK Thresiamma R.I.P
Mon 21st ***Saint Matthew, Apostle***
09:15 Pamela Woodworth int
Tue 22nd 09:15 Daisy Lowositzova int
Followed by Benediction + Adoration
Wed 23rd ***Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest***
Church and office closed.
Thur 24th ***Our Lady of Walsingham***
10:00 Kathleen Cuthbert R.I.P
Fri 25th 09:15 Steven Nemethy R.I.P
Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Sat 26th ***Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Peter Hogan R.I.P
12:00 Baptism
18:00 Aletha DeSouza thanksgiving
Sun 27th 09:00 Helena Tierney R.I.P
Nigel Allan Galstaun R.I.P
11:00 Marian Albert R.I.P
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Evangelii Gaudium Appeal

We ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a collection this week 19-20th September.

Date for Certificate of Catholic Practice

Parishioners of St Helens Church requiring a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by Fr. Voy are requested to meet at the **Presbytery after the 6pm mass on the 10th or 17th October 26.** The forms needed to be completed can be found at the back of the Church. Please note these are the only dates that will be made available for signing.

To our senior Parishioners who cannot come to our Thursday mass at 10am on their own; **we can help with transport.**
Please contact the Church office on 01923 223175 or email watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk.

Request for volunteers

Our church grounds are a lovely part of our shared home, but they don't look after themselves. So, could you spare a little time to help?

It would be wonderful to have a small team of volunteers who can help keep our church grounds looking

welcoming and beautiful for everyone. Please contact the Church Office at watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk

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St Helen's 50/50 Charity Draw HALF YEAR REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 50/50 DRAW ARE NOW OPEN. Please drop your completed forms in to the Church office as soon as possible. This includes existing members with a half-yearly membership, kindly renew by the end of the month for continued inclusion.

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DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 13th September 2026: Planned Giving: £83.55 Loose Plate: £452.86. Standing Orders/contactless/online for August: £3,320.00

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**

DIARY OF EVENTS

ST. HELENS AFTERNOON DISCO
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 10th October | 2pm–6pm
Tickets: £5 available from mid-September

Join us for an afternoon of music, dancing and good company. **Bring your own drinks and snacks** — and come ready to have a great time! We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

LORETO COLLEGE Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3RQ. The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2027 will take place on TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2026 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road.

More details are available on the school website www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

St Joan of Arc Catholic School Prospective students & parents seeking school admission in September 2027 are invited to view the school facilities, including the new Science Centre & Hall, Meet Staff, Students, Governors & members of the PFA and hear the students talk
The Open Events will be held as follows: -

- Open Evening - Thursday 1st October 2026 5.00pm until 8.00pm
- Open Morning - Friday 2nd October 26 9.30 -11.30am.

Let Us Walk Pilgrimage 5 - 9 October 2026, Maidstone to Southwark. A national walking pilgrimage will take place 5-9 October, the week before the Adoremus Eucharistic Celebration on10 October. The pilgrimage will start at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Maidstone and finish at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St George in Southwark on Friday 9 October. The walk will mark the Year of St Francis of Assisi and will embody his values of joy, simplicity, humility, peace and love of creation. A small group of perpetual pilgrims will walk the full distance, joined by day pilgrims who will register for each day. Full details and Westminster Information June 2026 registration can be found here: https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/let-us-walk-that-we-may-adore-2026

Adoremus 2026 will take place on Saturday 10 October. Adoremus is the Bishop's invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. Please see posters on the noticeboards for more information.

Caritas Deaf Service 50th Anniversary - 26 September 2026 The Deaf Service will celebrate 50 years of becoming part of the diocesan family on Saturday 26th September 2026, with a Mass at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are invited to join this Mass in Word and Sign.

Archbishop Richard Moth will celebrate a Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardinal Hulme Centre. **Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 5.30pm, Westminster Cathedral**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

We must provide hope and love not the opposite – panic and fear. Hope is always the greatest victory.

I have not yet seen anyone who lost their faith by reading Marx, but I have seen many who lost it through contact with priests'.

Man is a constant becoming.

Hope must always be equal to the trial, belief in fate brings fate to earth and belief in freedom brings freedom down to earth.

- Józef Tischner, priest and philosopher. March 12, 1931 - 2000