

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.

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.

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 26th ***Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Peter Hogan R.I.P
12:00 Baptism Rian O'Meara-Hayes
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
Dumitru Albert R.I.P

Mon 28th ***Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr***
09:15 Diana Rogers int

Tue 29th ***Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels***
09:15 Ann Cullen and her family R.I.P
Followed by Benediction + Adoration

Wed 30th ***Saint Jerome***
Church and office closed.

Thur 1st ***Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus***
10:00 Phyllis Dunne int

Fri 2nd ***Holy Guardian Angels***
09:15 The Hogan family int
Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Sat 3rd 08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Parishioners
11:00 Baptism : Tadhg Daniel Gill
12:00 Baptism : Amelia McNamara
13:00 Baptism: Tommy Flanagan
14:00 Baptism: Jax Collopy
18:00 Rose Ogbechie & fly- thanksgiving and protection

Sun 4th 09:00 Rose Ogbechie & fly- thanksgiving and protection
11:00 Nigel Allan Galstaun R.I.P

CAFOD Harvest Day Appeal

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection on the 3rd -4th October. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**.

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.

St Helen's 50/50 Charity Draw HALF YEAR REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 50/50 DRAW ENDS SOON. Please drop your completed forms in to the Church office by the month end for inclusion.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 20th September 2026: Planned Giving: £67.17 Loose Plate: £441.13. 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
Saturday 10th October | 2pm–6pm
Tickets: £5 available at the event

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!

SCHOOLS OPEN EVENTS – See posters for details
Loreto College 29/09/26 4.00pm to 7.00pm.
St Joan of Arc Catholic School 1/10/26 5.00pm - 8.00pm and 2/10/26 9.30am -11.30am.

DEVOTION AND PILGRIMAGES IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH Join us in the Parish Hall for a special series of talks exploring devotion, pilgrimages and evangelisation in the Catholic faith.

Hear from fellow parishioners as they share their experiences of pilgrimages, to the sacred shrines, also how media helps us in deepening our faith.

Dates & Topics
5th November | Camino & Medjugorje

12th November | Fatima & Lourdes

19th November | Living Faith Through Social Media

Come along to one, two or all three evenings. Everyone is warmly welcome. **7.00pm | Parish Hall**

We look forward to sharing these inspiring evenings of faith, reflection and fellowship together.

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.
St George's Cathedral Southwark @12pm. The Adoremus Mass, Archbishop John Wilson. Followed by keynote address: Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP 'The Eucharist: Our sacrament of hope in dark times'. Time for lunch.
15.00 Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood, with the representative group of the Church
17.00 Solemn Benediction led by Bishop James Curry
Please see posters on the noticeboards for more information.

Archbishop Richard Moth will celebrate a Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardinal Hume 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