

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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Well, my friend, we live in troubled and sad times, and we must pray the infinite and merciful Lord to bear patiently with the sins of this world, which are very great. We must humble our hearts in silence and poverty of spirit and listen to His commands which come from the depths of His love, and work that…hearts may be converted to the ways of love and justice, not of blood, murder lust and greed. I am afraid that the big powerful countries are a very bad example to the rest of the world in this respect.

By Thomas Merton

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.

APF RED MISSIO BOXES

Please bring these in for emptying and leave on the table at the back of the Church after Saturday or Sunday Masses only. Thank you to all those who keep a Red Box.

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 10th ***Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Parishioners
11:00 Baptism : Lacey May Evans
18:00 Jody Murphy R.I.P 1st anniv

Sun 11th 09:00 Pereira fly wellbeing
11:00 Teresa Bridget Kelly R.I.P

Mon 12th ***Saint Wilfrid, Bishop***
09:15 Plinio Sa Cordeiro R.I.P anniv

Tue 13th ***Saint Edward the Confessor***
09:15 Lucia Alemanno intention
Followed by Benediction + Adoration

Wed 14th ***Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr***
Church and office closed.

Thur 15th ***Saint Teresa of Jesus***
10:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P

Fri 16th ***Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque***
09:15 Soul of Alfredo De Souza
Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Sat 17th ***Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Parishioners
18:00 Thanksgiving

Sun 18th 09:00 Cathy Enright wellbeing
11:00 Maria Ferreira R.I.P

World Mission Sunday Appeal

On the **18th October 2026**, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the World Mission Sunday. Please join us to celebrate this special day by praying and giving whatever you can.

Every penny, every pound and prayer collected on the 18th goes to missionaries around the world who serve our poorest and most marginalised brothers and sisters. Your prayers and gifts on World Mission Sunday support projects like building churches, convents and schools; training local priests, sisters and catechists; helping local community health centres – supporting Catholic communities that are struggling in situations of poverty and persecution.

OCTOBER CANDLELIT PROCESSION at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 7pm Sunday 18th October 2026. Join Archbishop Richard, Pilgrims, and the Community of Allen Hall Seminary, as we ask Our Lady's prayers for the gift of Priests for the Church, and for the Protection of London.

The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Bakerloo Line & Overground (Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction.

Buses 18,187,206,220,226,228,260,266 & 487 all pass close by.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 4th October 2026: Planned Giving: £62.21
Loose Plate: £397.90.
Standing Orders/contactless/online for September: £4,108

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE :
ST HELENS CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 28th November | 12pm-2pm.
Boxes for donations will be placed in the church porch on weekend of 1st November.
Raffle tickets will also be on sale from that weekend.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH **12th December | 1pm**. List for those interested will available in November.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY- You are invited to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Talent show fundraiser on Saturday 17th October between 7pm – 10.30pm to be held at Our Lady and St. Michael's Catholic Church, Garston.

Loreto College (St Albans) Co-educational Sixth Form Open Evening: 14th October 2026 (6pm to 8pm)
Tours for both Year 7 and Year 12 entry available from 12th October onwards.

St Columba's College Prep : Reception 2027 assessments will be taking place on Thursday 15th October at St Columba's College Prep School. If you would like your child to attend, please complete an application using the following link:
https://stcolumbascollege.applicaa.com/00000000-2328-7906-8156-69828a424a48

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**

The **World Apostolate of Fatima** (WAF) Team are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales. The visitation at the Westminster Cathedral Church, SW1P 1QW is on 31st October 26. See Posters for more details.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The **Most Reverend Richard Moth**, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/**

St Ignatius College: invites all St Ignatius alumni for a get-together at the College on the evening of 20/11/26. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before major building works start in 2027. Please use QR code for more information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
So I say to you, seek God and discover Him and make Him a power in your life. Without Him all our efforts turn to ashes and our sunrises to darkest nights – Martin Luther King 1929-1968

Because in the school of the Spirit, man learns wisdom through humility, knowledge by forgetting how to speak by silence, how to live by dying.

A good meditation even when it is interrupted by occasional nodding, is much more beneficial than many outward religious exercises - Johannes Tauler 14th Century German Dominican Mystic

The Master said, One who has accumulated moral power will certainly also possess eloquence; but he who has eloquence does not necessarily possess moral power. A good man will certainly also possess courage but a brave man is not necessarily Good – Confucius 551-471BC