

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

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

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 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 17th ***Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Parishioners
18:00 Tomasz and Dorota Piesiur 12th Wedding anniv
Sun 18th 09:00 Cathy Enright wellbeing
11:00 Maria Ferreira R.I.P
Mon 19th ***Saints John Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests***
09:15 Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P
Tue 20th 09:15 Elizabeth Betty Davis R.I.P anniv
Followed by Benediction + Adoration
Wed 21st Church and office closed.
Thur 22nd ***Saint John Paul II, Pope***
10:00 Nell Leslie R.I.P
Fri 23rd ***Saint John Capistrano, Priest***
09:15 Chalmer De Souza thanksgiving
Followed by Exposition & Adoration
Sat 24th ***Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 David Robert Jones R.I.P
12:30 Baptism : Aine Bridget Gaughan
18:00 Roy Barrett R.I.P anniv
Sun 25th 09:00 Lenin De Monte Furtado R.I.P
11:00 Bryan Pereira R.I.P

Sunday 18th October - World Mission Sunday Appeal

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – **the Pope's charity** for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme '**One in Christ, united in mission'** to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital mission.

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.

🎄 **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE** 🎄 in the Parish Hall after the Sunday 9am mass.

Prices range from £2-4 per pack. Pack selection of 10, 12 and 20 cards per pack.

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**. Doors open at 12.30pm for lunch at 1pm.

A list for those interested, will be left at the back of the church in November. Please give contact details on form.
PLEASE DO NOT PUT OTHER PEOPLE'S NAMES ON THE LIST WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

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.

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.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
Sunday 11th October 2026: Planned Giving: £88.72
Loose Plate: £419.49.
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**

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!
Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Our parish raised £703.10 to help more children stay in school.

THANK YOU – EVANGELII GAUDIUM APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to the Evangelii Gaudium appeal. Together you raised £99.22.

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