

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 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon 26th	***Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops***	
	09:15	Quentin Reekhaye R.I.P
Tue 27th	09:15	Thanksgiving mass
	Followed by Benediction + Adoration	
Wed 28th	***Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles***	
	Church and office closed.	
Thur 29th	***Blessed Martyrs of Douai***	
	10:00	Catherine Abena R.I.P memorial
Fri 30th	09:15	Lynsey de Paul R.I.P
	Followed by Exposition & Adoration	
Sat 31st	08.30	Confession/Benediction/Adoration
	09:15	Frankie Reekhaye wellbeing
	18:00	Dom Dunstan Watkins OSB
Sun 1st	***All Saints***	
	09:00	November Dead List
	11:00	Michael O'Sullivan R.I.P anniv

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.

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.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
During November, we pray for our deceased loved ones. Please pick up an envelope from the back of the church, write name(s) of people who you wish to pray for, and put it in the basket at the front of the altar.

Offerings are welcome. Thank you.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 18th October 2026: Planned Giving: £101.31
Loose Plate: £432.40.
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

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.

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.

On **Sunday 22 November** the World Apostolate of Fatima is holding a symposium at St Thomas More Language College, Chelsea with Sr Angela de Fatima Coelho – Vice Postulator for the **CAUSE FOR THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF VENERABLE SR. LUCIA**. Sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAd9n-tTFhFgx154MZ3S7TU_ICkT48dOBw-3C1WagO1jmn3A/viewform

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.

FULL SUNG MASS - Our Lady of Victories, Kensington and Caritas Westminster invites you and your parishioners to a World Premiere of a Full Sung Mass of Our Lady of Victories, composed by Parish Priest Nigel Woollen, Arranged by Timothy Macklin, and performed by Joyful Light, Saturday 21 November at 6pm, at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, 235a Kensington High St, W8 6SA. This will also be the launch of a Charity CD of this new work, with proceeds supporting the work of Caritas Westminster. A poster is attached with further details.

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

The master said, those who are capable of spending a whole day together without ever once discussing questions of right and wrong, but who content themselves with performing petty acts of clemency, are indeed few. – Confucius 551-471BC