

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

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.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year II

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon 5th	***Saint Faustina Kowalska***	
	09:15	Tol's intention
Tue 6th	***Saint Bruno, Priest***	
	09:15	Dom Dunstan OSB R.I.P
	Followed by Benediction + Adoration	
Wed 7th	***Our Lady of the Rosary***	
	Church and office closed.	
Thur 8th	10:00	Andrew McPhillips R.I.P anniv
Fri 9th	***Saint John Henry Newman, Priest***	
	09:15	Fr. Bernard McCuminskey R.I.P
	Followed by Exposition & Adoration	
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

CAFOD Harvest Day Appeal

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection this weekend 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**.

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.

Winners of St Helen's 50/50 Charity Draw September 2026

1st place : £30 - no. 29, Breda Randall
2nd place: £25 - no. 13, Sadie Vile
3rd place : £20 - no. 56, Nadera Karkaby

Congratulations to all of our winners!

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 27th September 2026: Planned Giving: £92.10 Loose Plate: £473.34. 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 DAYTIME DISCO – DON'T FORGET YOUR DANCING SHOES!

Saturday 10th October | 2pm–6pm
Tickets: Adults £5 | Under 16s FREE available at the event
Join us in the Church Hall on Saturday 10th October, 2pm–6pm, for an afternoon of music, dancing and fun for all the family!

Please remember to bring cash to pay at the door, and a little extra if you would like to purchase tea or coffee. Bring your own drinks.

Bring the family, invite your friends and come along for a Saturday afternoon boogie!

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.

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

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.

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