

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

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But the language of Christianity has been so used and so misused that sometimes you distrust it: you do not know whether or not behind the word 'Cross' there stands the experience of mercy and salvation, or only the threat of punishment. If my word means anything to you, I can say that to you that I have experienced the Cross to mean mercy and not cruelty, truth and not deception: that the news of the truth and love of Jesus is indeed the true good news, but in our time it speaks out in strange places.

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. **The empty boxes can be collected from the back of the church.** Thank you to all those who keep a Red Box.

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 14th	08.30	Confession/Benediction/Adoration
	09:15	Clayton Barretto thanksgiving
	13:00	Baptism : Abigail Ward
	18:00	November Dead List
Sun 15th	09:00	Patricia Berew R.I.P
	11:00	Peter Linskey R.I.P anniv
Mon 16th	***Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop***	
	09:15	November Dead List
Tue 17th	***Saint Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop***	
	09:15	November Dead List
	Followed by Benediction + Adoration	
Wed 18th	***The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles***	
	Church and office closed.	
Thur 19th	10:00	November Dead List
Fri 20th	09:15	Okaye Eniye Loreta int Birthday
	Followed by Exposition & Adoration	
Sat 21st	***The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***	
	08.30	Confession/Benediction/Adoration
	09:15	Peter Arokiasamy R.I.P 3rd anniv
	18:00	November Dead List
Sun 22nd	***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***	
	09:00	Mary McDonald R.I.P
	11:00	Brian McNulty R.I.P

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND – THIS WEEKEND

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

DEVOTION AND PILGRIMAGES IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

19th November | St Helens Parish Hall | 7pm

Join us in the Parish Hall for our last talk -Living Faith through social media.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FHC 2027

FHC forms are available at the back of the Church from this weekend. Please return the completed forms along with a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to Fr Voy at the Presbytery on the following dates : **Saturday 21st November 2026 after 6pm Mass** and on **Sunday 22nd November after 11am Mass**.

Enrolment dates will take place on **28th November after 6pm Mass** and on **5th December at 11am** in the Parish hall.

Please note: Priority will be given to those living within the parish boundary and those who regularly attend Mass at St Helen's Church.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 8th November 2026: Planned Giving: £74.00 Loose Plate: £357.71.
Standing Orders/contactless/online for October: £3,573

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**

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

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS OUTING: As a thank you for their support to St. Helen's Parish, Fr. Voy has organised an ice skating event for our young altar servers on the 5th December at Planet Ice followed by lunch.

ST HELENS BRING & SHARE:



Join our lovely parishioners in the Parish hall on the 6th December after the 11am mass for our Christmas Bring and share. Bring a dish or just join in the joy and laughter this event brings. All are invited.

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.

All donations can be left in the baskets at the back of the church.

Please ensure all donations are clean, and within date. Cake donations are welcome on the day of the fayre..

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH
12th December | Parish Hall. 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 your **CONTACT DETAILS** on form.

KIND REQUEST :

- PLEASE DO NOT PUT OTHER PEOPLE'S NAMES ON THE LIST WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE.
- PLEASE **ADD YOUR CONTACT NUMBER**.

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

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Man's life of bondage to the world of birth and death has many causes. The root of them all is ego, the first-begotten child of ignorance.

As long as a man identifies himself with his wicked ego, there can be no possibility of liberation. For liberation is its very opposite.

Once freed from this eclipsing demon of an ego, man regains his true nature, just as moon shines forth when freed from the darkness of an eclipse. He becomes pure, infinite, eternally blissful and self-luminous.

- Sankaracharya, Indian Vedic scholar-monk, philosopher, and teacher (788-820 A.D.)