

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 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

The Solemnity of Christ the King

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 21st ***The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 November Dead List
18:00 Christian Rotarescu R.I.P

Sun 22nd ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***
09:00 Mary McDonald R.I.P
11:00 Brian McNulty R.I.P

Mon 23rd ***Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr***
09:15 November Dead List

Tue 24th ***Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest***
09:15 Mary Griffin R.I.P
Followed by Benediction + Adoration

Wed 25th ***Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr***
Church and office closed.

Thur 26th 10:00 November Dead List

Fri 27th 09:15 E K Thomas R.I.P anniv
Followed by Exposition & Adoration

Sat 28th 08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 November Dead List
18:00 November Dead List

Sun 29th ***First Sunday of Advent***
09:00 November Dead List
11:00 Soluchi Okoye 4th year memorial

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE.



Don't forget to put aside £1 for our Christmas raffle this week! Just **£1** buys you a whole strip of tickets and adds another name to our list of participants.

Every ticket counts, and every participant makes our raffle that little bit more special!

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

Please pick up an FHC form from Fr. Voy. Completed forms are to be returned 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 attend Mass at St Helen's

Church regularly.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR Sunday 15th November 2026: Planned Giving: £97.50 Loose Plate: £387.89.
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**

YOUTH SERVICE COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

This year's World Youth Sunday theme is "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Westminster Youth Ministry has a vital role in accompanying young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. In 2025, it welcomed over 5,000 young people to SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner and supported 44 diocesan youth groups through Youth Ministry Outreach. The World Youth Sunday retiring collection supports this work. This week is the Youth service collection. Please donate towards this cause.

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, 11.45am at Planet Ice followed by lunch. Departure from St Helen's Church is at 11am.

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**.

ST HELEN'S PILGRIMMAGE TO FATIMA 2027 – Expression of interest only.
We're starting to plan a 5-day parish pilgrimage to Fatima, either in May or September, depending on which month works best for the most people.

There's a form at the back of the church for anyone who might be interested. Please add your name and contact number, and tick the month you would prefer.

This isn't a booking or commitment form. We're trying to get an idea of how many people might be interested so we can look into costs.

The pilgrimage will be a chance for us to travel together as a group, visit the beautiful shrine of Fatima. Feel free to invite family and friends too. The more, the merrier!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge, that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known to others that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve, that is Love. – Bernard of Clairvaux

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present. – Buddha.

The three most important virtues are humility, humility and humility – Bernard of Clairvaux

Ingratitude is the soul's enemy. Ingratitude is a burning wind that dries up the source of love, the dew of mercy, the streams of grace - – Bernard of Clairvaux