

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 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Remembrance Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat 7th ***Saint Willibrord, Bishop***
08.30 Confession/Benediction/Adoration
09:15 Frances O'Riley R.I.P Anniv
11:00 Baptisms : Arthur & Conall Davoren
12:30 Baptism : Louella Robyn George-Mahoney
18:00 Josephine and Hugh Deane
Mary Scannell, Peadar McMahon

Sun 8th ***Remembrance Sunday***
09:00 November Dead List
11:00 Alfredo Da Silva R.I.P

Mon 9th ***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***
09:15 Martin Goonan R.I.P

Tue 10th ***Saint Leo the Great, Pope***
09:15 November Dead List
Followed by Benediction + Adoration

Wed 11th ***Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop***
Church and office closed.

Thur 12th ***Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr***
10:00 Eddie Hawking R.I.P

Fri 13th 09:15 November Dead List
Followed by Exposition & Adoration

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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND – NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can 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 – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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**

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.

DIARY OF EVENTS

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.

KIND REQUEST :

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

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.

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

1st place : £30 - no. 26, Mr & Mrs Rich
2nd place: £25 - no. 76, Rosaleen Ginty
3rd place : £20 - no. 44, Michelle Black

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

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.

DONATIONS : OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
Sunday 1st November 2026: Planned Giving: £87.02
Loose Plate: £351.28.
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**

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.)