

ENTRANCE	794 God is love, his the care
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	German Mass
GOSPEL ACCL.	185 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	605 O King of might and splendour
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	846 Amazing Grace
RECESSIONAL	366 Holy Virgin by God's decree

**NEW BOXES OF ENVELOPES**

For those of you who donate via the Planned Giving Envelopes, your **new sets have arrived**. Please see Chelsea in the Parish Office to collect.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Every Friday during lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 9:30am before the 10am Mass, instead of Exposition.

**PLANNED GIVING -**

**ENABLING THE CHURCH TO CLAIM GIFT AID**

For those of you that are unsure what a Planned Giving Envelope is, during the offertory at Mass, some people put in a small green envelope with money inside, instead of cash.

The envelopes renew in April, which is fast approaching.

**Should you wish to terminate your Planned Giving Envelope or sign up to start donating in a way in which we can claim Gift Aid, via envelope or Standing Order, please speak to Chelsea in the Parish Office.**

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL & CAFOD**

Thank you to those who have donated already. There is still time to make your Lenten contribution, please take an envelope from the porch of the Church.

**PLEASE TAKE A LENT LEAFLET HOME**

This contains information about the upcoming Penitential Service with opportunity for private confession, and how you can fulfil your Lenten promise of *prayer, fasting & almsgiving*.

**PARISH DIARY**

Wednesdays 10:30am	LEGION OF MARY - Hall
Thursdays 10:30am	LENT PRAYER GROUP - Hall
Fridays 9:00am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9th March 2024 - 16th March 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 9th	5pm	Maureen O'Sullivan (26th Anniversary) & Michael O'Sullivan (10th Anniversary)
Sun 10th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Louis Charles Bading & Olivier Taika RIP
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 11th	10am	Bridget Tighe (Anniversary)
Tues 12th	10am	Teresa Barun RIP
Wed 13th	10am	Patrick O'Grady RIP
Thu 14th	10am	Niall Walsh RIP
Fri 15th	10am	Eugene O'Sullivan (Anniversary)
Sat 16th	5pm	Remediana Pinheiro (Anniversary)
Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp		For Mothers in the Parish
Sacred Heart		People of the Parish
Our Lady		Rosemary Bottomley RIP

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

In preparation for Easter, we will be holding a Penitential Service at St Mary Magdalen's Church on Monday 25th March at 7:00pm.

During the service there will be opportunity for individual confession.



As well as the "Home Team", there will be visiting priests present to hear your confessions.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place on Saturday 13th April at The Annexe, St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue, NW10 2DD at 11am. This is only for the parents to attend and lasts an hour.

Please contact Chelsea if you would like to baptise your child to receive more information and to book onto the course.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

<p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</p> 	<p>11th March "Ch. 8: Fruit of the Vine" 5pm-6pm at St Mary Magdalen's School.</p>
 <p>CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6pm - 7pm Kensal Rise Church</p>	<p>11th March "9. The Church".</p>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10th March 2024

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved (Jn 3:14-21)

**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest

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**Sunday Masses:** (Sat 5pm)  
Sun 8am & 10am

**Italian Mass:** Sun 11:30am  
**Weekday Masses:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am

**Confession:** Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment  
**Exposition:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

**LAST WEEKS OFFERING**  
£473.87

**FEBRUARY'S STANDING ORDERS**  
£3,229.50

**CONTACTLESS INCOME FEBRUARY**  
£429.30

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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**Meditation:** Do you know the healing power of Christ's redeeming love and victory which he won for us on the cross? The Old Testament prophets never ceased to speak of God's faithfulness and compassion towards those who would turn away from sin and return to God with repentant hearts, trust, and obedience (2 Cro 36:15). When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus he prophesied that his death on the cross would bring healing and forgiveness and a "new birth in the Spirit" (Jn 3:3) and eternal life (Jn 3:15).

*The "lifting up" of the Son of Man*

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be "lifted up" to bring the power and authority of God's kingdom to bear on the earth. The title, "Son of Man," came from the prophet Daniel who describes a vision he received of the Anointed Messiah King who was sent from heaven to rule over the earth (Dn 7:13-14). Traditionally when kings began to reign they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be recognized as the Anointed King when he is "lifted up" on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died for his claim to be the only begotten Son sent by the Father in heaven to redeem, heal, and reconcile his people with God.

Jesus points to a key prophetic sign which Moses performed in the wilderness right after the people of Israel were afflicted with poisonous serpents. Scripture tells us that many people died in the wilderness because of their sin of rebellion towards Moses and God. Through Moses' intervention, God showed mercy to the people and instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (Numbers 21:8). This miraculous sign was meant to foreshadow and point to the saving work which Jesus would perform to bring healing and salvation to the world.

*The cross defeats sin and death*

The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us.

*The proof of God's love for us*

How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (Jn 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world. This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him.

Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life, in your thoughts, decisions and actions?