



THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE

Sunday Masses: (Sat 6pm) Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm Italian: 12.30pm
Holydays: 10am & 7pm **Holy Hour:** Fri 6pm
Weekday Masses: Mon & Fri 7pm Tues, Wed, Thu & Sat 10am
Confession: Sat 10.30-11.15am & 5-5.45pm and on request

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 JUNE 2016

NEWSLETTER

AD ORIENTEM

Last weekend I introduced the practise of facing Liturgical East for the 11am and 5pm Mass, something I will be doing on a regular basis. This was in response to Cardinal Sarah's request. Cardinal Sarah is the Prefect for the Congregation of the Sacraments, appointed by Pope Francis. I was genuinely delighted from the responses I received especially from young people. One comment was made in a letter that in fact our church faces west. This is so because our church was not built as a Catholic church but as a Protestant church. At the Reformation the first thing to be removed from churches by the Protestant reformers were all stone altars and replaced with wooded tables. This was because the reformers rejected the sacrifice of the Mass and replaced it with a 'Communion Service'.

In the information I gave over the last two weeks I did talk about the churches understanding of 'Liturgical East' which symbolises the Priest and congregation facing the Lord together and awaiting His return. This ancient practise not only goes back to the roots of our Christian faith but is also embedded in Judaism. Synagogue worship faces the east, Jerusalem. In fact all Jews are buried facing Jerusalem from where Messiah will come.

The Priest, in this ancient tradition faces East with and on behalf of the community. I am so pleased with the response and if anyone wishes to discuss this matter please feel free to raise the subject.

P.S. Some of our Altar Servers of course are very familiar with this Liturgical posture as it is the only way Mass is celebrated in their school. What refreshing openness the young have!

Fr Sean

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th June** at 7:30pm. If the weather permits we shall meet outside and enjoy a glass of wine. If you have any items that you would like us to discuss please put a note through the Presbytery door. You will receive feedback on your item after our meeting. I would encourage everyone to use the Parish Council as their voice. *Fr Sean*

MONASTIC CARDS

Last week I had a day of recollection and I spent the time with the Benedictine Monks at Farnborough Abbey in Hampshire. While I was there I discovered that the Monks make their own greeting cards which are very beautiful. I have brought a selection of these cards back to be sold in the repository. They include Mass cards for the living and the dead, and blank cards which can be used for a variety of purposes.

Do call into the shop to have a look at them and the many other cards and gifts available. *Fr Sean*

NEW PARISHIONERS - Drinks

Just a reminder to anyone who has arrived in the parish in the last year I would like to invite you for a glass or two of wine after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 26th June**.

This is a great opportunity to meet you in a relaxed atmosphere and to introduce you to some parishioners who are actively working in the parish.

Could I ask all the groups in the parish to ensure that you are represented at this event by a couple of members.

Many thanks
Fr Sean

Social Committee

Next Tea, Coffee and chat will be on
 Sunday 19th June

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FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

12 - 19 June

Sat	11th	6pm	Ines Ernesto (A)
Sun	12th	9am	People of the Parish (Ints)
Sun	12th	11am	Keli & Ziad (Int wedding aniv)
Sun	12th	5pm	Gina (B'day)
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Mon	13th	7pm	Catherine Carroll (RIP)
Tue	14th	10am	Fr Vincent Compton (A)
Wed	15th	10am	Fr Norman Wrigley (RIP)
Thu	16th	10am	St. Richard of Chichester James Collins (RIP)
Fri	17th	7pm	Fr Sean's Ordination Anniversary
Sat	18th	10am	Joyce Liddle (RIP)
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Sat	18th	6pm	O'Shea Family (A)
Sun	19th	9am	John Thornton (Ints.)
Sun	19th	11am	Denis Murphy (RIP)
Sun	19th	5pm	People of the Parish (Ints)

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar:	Persecuted Christians
Sacred Heart:	Fr Sean Thornton
Our Lady:	Cardinal Basil Hume (A)

CATHOLIC PAPERS

As many of you know, the Catholic papers are available in the porch every weekend for you to purchase. Over the years and with the dawning of the digital age, the sales of these papers have gone down alarmingly. People either don't read the Catholic press or they access them online. I spoke to Michelle Jones at the Universe this week and she told me that, at present, it is a constant struggle to ensure that the Catholic point-of-view is put forward to a world steeped in turmoil and secularism. I promised Michelle that we would keep our order for the time being but it is up to you to buy the papers. The Universe has had to change with the times and there is now the facility to buy a digital subscription to the paper which is £34.99 per year or you can actually take out a membership which gives you, not only the paper, but lots of free gifts throughout the year.

If you are buying Vatican Past & Present, Archives or any other monthly magazine regularly, I would be very grateful, if you will sign the list which is with the papers in the porch so we get some idea of how many we actually need. Until, this is done, there will be no more monthly magazines available except *Magnificat*."

If you don't usually buy a paper, please consider purchasing at least one each week. This will ensure the survival of the Catholic press and allow the Catholic voice to be heard in this country. Thank you. **Susan.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned Giving: £ 666.50
Loose Plate: : £ 560.99
This does not include Direct Debits
Many Thanks

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

HYMNS FOR 9AM MASS

Entrance	212	Entrance	315
Kyrie	Heritage Mass	Kyrie	St Anne's Mass
Gloria	Heritage Mass	Gloria	St Anne's Mass
Gospel Acclamation	539	Gospel Acclamation	535
Offertory	611	Offertory	940
Sanctus	Heritage Mass	Sanctus	St Anne's Mass
Memorial Accl	Sung	Memorial Accl	Sung
Agnus Dei	Heritage Mass	Our Father	587
Communion	800	Agnus Dei	St Anne's Mass
Recessional	753	Communion	846
New members warmly welcomed to join the choir. Practice Monday evenings 8-9 pm		Recessional	784

YEAR OF MERCY

The Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy Hail, our life,
our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this vale of tears
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us
And after this our exile show unto us
The blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises Of Christ

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

People to show their love and appreciation to Our Lord, Our Lady or a particular Saint would often leave flowers by their altar or statues. In the month of May the Lady altar in Catholic churches used to be an impressive array of flowers brought from peoples gardens or purchased. This lovely custom seems to have faded away at the Church of the Transfiguration. Throughout the whole month of May the Lady altar was flowerless apart from the two occasions when a lady brought flowers from her garden, thank you to her. I found this rather sad. June is the month of the Sacred Heart and it would be lovely to see the altar of the Sacred Heart with some flowers on it. If you have a devotion to Our Lord's Sacred Heart, please leave your flowers on the altar rail in front of His Altar.

CSAN and SVP

Come and join your local BIG MILE – a one mile walk for children and adults of this parish taking place on 26/06/16 at 15:00. The walk starts at Westminster Cathedral and ends at the Houses of Parliament, then we will walk back to the Cathedral where refreshments will be available. There is a registration fee of £5 for adults and £1 for children and the unwaged. The money raised will go towards helping the SVP meet the needs of rough sleepers through the Vinnie Packs scheme and assist Caritas Westminster in their work with Deaf and hard of hearing people, people with learning disabilities, and women escaping human trafficking. Register at www.bigmile.org.uk.

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