


HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	795 I heard the voice of Jesus say
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Heritage Mass
GOSPEL ACCL.	540 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	407 Baptised in water
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Sung
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	173 When John baptised
RECESSIONAL	747 The light of Christ

Calling all 13 to 16 year olds !
Chat, play games, and, crucially, eat pizza, at the **BRENT YOUTH SUMMIT**



On Wednesday 29th January 2025 7 - 9pm
At Our Lady of Willesden RC Church, 1 Nicoll Rd, London, NW10 9AX

Pizza, Discussion, and Games in the Marian Hall, then moving into Church for Adoration, Confessions and then Benediction.

CRIB COLLECTION
Thank you very much for your support this year in our Crib Collection, we raised **£537.86**.
The offering will go to The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) and will be used to support local families in need.

Get involved with Westminster Youth Ministry in celebrating the Jubilee Year!
We have art and writing competitions in January and February, open to those in the following age categories: 11-14, 15-17, and 18-35. Youth leaders are also warmly invited to our retreat day in March, for a day of community, formation, encouragement and prayer. To find out more, head to youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025


The Baptism Course dates for 2025
Jan 25th, April 26th, June 7th, Sept 6th, Nov 8th
All sessions take place on Saturdays at 11am in St Mary Magdalen's Church.
Please call the office at Kensal Rise for further details and to enrol.

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

MASS INTENTIONS 11th January – 18th January


Date	Time	Intention
Sat 11th	5pm	Egidio Ponzoni (14th Anniversary)
Sun 12th	8am	People of The Parish
	10am	Chelsea Bottomley (Birthday Intentions)
	11.30am	Italian Mass
Mon 13th	10am	Giulia Doris Parodi-Garner & Chiara Francesca (Ints)
Tues 14th	10am	Maria Eid (Ints)
Wed 15th	10 am	Jason and Clarissa (Good health)
	11.30am	FUNERAL - Mrs Giovanna Chiparo
Thur 16th	10am	Anne O'Sullivan (RIP)
Fri 17th	10am	Teresa Barun (RIP)
Sat 18th	5pm	Stephen Lahbib (RIP)
Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp		John Rico (Good Health)
Sacred Heart		Giovanna Chiparo (RIP)
Our Lady		People of the Parish

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register for free at: cafod.org.uk/jubilee



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES	
CONFIRMATION Session 1—Getting started	Monday 13 th January at 6:00pm in The Church of the Transfiguration
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Session 1 Introductory Rite	Monday 13th January at 5:30pm in St Mary Magdalen's school

FUNERALS
The Funeral for the late Mrs Giovanna Chiparo will take place here on Wednesday 15th January at 11:30am.
Please keep Giovanna and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.



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The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

12th January 2025

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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
£505.43

CONTACTLESS INCOME DECEMBER
£815.50

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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“You are My Beloved Son”

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus' life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it's important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism? First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,” spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an “epiphany,” a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry. Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him “baptizing” the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism. Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

A Welcoming Space at Kensal Rise - Volunteers Wanted!

Last year's Synodal Survey indicated that parishioners think there should be greater involvement in local community issues. In response to this, we are working on an initiative to provide a welcome/warm space and we need your help. In early 2025, we are launching a community centre at the Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise, where, once a week, people can meet, chat, or quietly relax for a few hours. We are looking for volunteers to help run the centre, providing drinks, refreshments, and maybe a friendly ear. But there's a whole raft of other ways that you can help, such as admin, fundraising, and cake-baking. Maybe you've worked on a project like this yourself: if so, we want to hear from you. We'll be holding a meeting at the **Church of the Transfiguration on Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm**: we'd really like to see you there. Monsignor Roger
Any questions? Contact Barry at wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk