



THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE

NEWSLETTER

12th September 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends

Today's Gospel, wherein Our Lord asks Peter "Who do you say that I am"? is one of those significant questions which reaches to the core of our understanding of Who and What God is. The famous pithy phrase of Aquinas "God is that which is", is certainly a starting point. St John goes further "God is Love". Here you and I are invited to consider "WHO is Jesus for me"?

As we begin our journey here in the parish, a great deal may seem to have changed – not least in the person of the Parish Priest! In Our Lord, however we find One Who is Unchanging. He is the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God. Today we see Him as all that, but fully human too. He empathises with and bears with us, our hopes, our fears, our anxieties... Above all, He desires that we should enter into relationship with Him, especially through prayer and the sacraments.

In these busy days, as we re-engage after the more relaxed pace of the summer, it may not always be easy to hear His voice, but when we look back over past events, its often clear that God has been with us, sometimes when we least expected it. The psalmist puts it well when he sings "He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living".

I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable week ahead.

Let's pray for each other.

Father John

REVISED OFFICE HOURS AND COMMUNICATIONS

From this Monday, 20th September, the Parish Office Hours will be as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 0930-1400

Fridays: Office closed.

Please continue to contact the Parish Team (Fr John and Chelsea) via the parish email: kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk and telephone 020 3539 6918.

For the time being, we will continue to adhere to the guidelines offered by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Appointments to see Fr John can be made in person, by email or telephone. For the time being, these will be held outside or in the Church Porch, with the wearing of masks and social distancing protocols required. Thank you for your understanding in these mysterious times.

QUO VADIS?

Over the coming weeks, we will be initiating a "Quo Vadis" exercise in the form of a questionnaire, as we cautiously emerge from the pandemic. This will cover various aspects of parish life from the times of Masses and Confessions, to Sacramental and catechetical programmes, as well as an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas for the future of the parish. We have all been changed by our experiences over the past 18 months; now we have an opportunity to harness those experiences and so build up a strong, vibrant community – a "School of the Lord's Service". Thank you in anticipation; I look forward to your input!

Sunday Masses: (Sat 6pm) Sun 9am & 11am, **Italian:** 12.30pm **Holydays:** 10am & 7pm
Holy Hour: Fri 6pm (not in Lent) **Weekday Masses:** Mon & Fri 12noon. Tues, Wed, Thu & Sat 10am
Confession: Sat 10.30-11.15am & 5-5.45pm and on request

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Kevlin Eurie (Birthday A)
Sacred Heart: Kay Papp (A)
Our Lady: Fr John Tabor (Intentions)

Seeking a new team of Holy Communion Catechists!

If you would be interested in taking up this opportunity you will be provided with full training and support. Please email kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk to speak with Fr John.

MASS INTENTIONS

11th September - 18th September

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 11th	6pm	Paul O'Sullivan & Patricia O'Sullivan (6th Anniversary)
Sun 12th	9:15am	People of the Parish
	11am	Lilian O'Toole (Anniversary)
Mon 13th	12noon	Gabriel Moraes (Birthday Intentions)
Tues 14th	6pm	Lourdes Leitao (Anniversary)
Wed 15th	10am	Mendola Family RIP
Thurs 16th	10am	Josephine & Felix Landeza RIP
Fri 17th	12 noon	Mr James Robinson RIP
Sat 18th	10am	Peggy Murphy (Anniversary)
	6pm	Kay Papp (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday Masses - Mass will be at 6pm until October when it will change to 5pm until next May .

Introduction of new Church practices

For the time being, we will be taping off every other aisle on the right hand side of the church to allow for social distancing for those that wish to use it. Parishioners must wear face masks in the Church, unless medically exempt. Proof of exemption will be required.

Communion

You may stand or kneel for Communion.

If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please go to the back of the queue, as this will require the sanitisation of hands between giving Communion and will therefore take longer.

After receiving Communion, as before, the Mass will have finished and you may leave immediately.

Volunteers Needed!

The week beginning 20th, Fr John's furniture will be arriving at the Presbytery. We need a team of strong individuals to help assemble furniture and move it into the correct rooms. Please email kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk if you can help. From there we can try and find a time suitable for all for everyone to come together as a team and get the job done.

Meal Preparation

There are many amazing chefs in this Parish, and I was hoping that some of you would be so kind as to cook Fr John Tabor a meal every now and then that can be frozen for when he has a busy day and doesn't have the time to prepare anything for himself. Please bring anything to the Presbytery door during office hours if you can help. Thank you.

Mass Availability

If you would like to book a Mass, here is the availability for the rest of the year.

October - 11 Masses left

November - 1 Mass left

December - 7 Masses left

Parish Priest: Fr John Tabor **Presbytery:** 1 Wrentham Avenue, London, NW10 3HT
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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