

ENTRANCE	865 I the Lord of sea and sky
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	534 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	874 Take my life
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	899 Lord make me a means of your peace
RECESSIONAL	861 Forth in thy name



**FIRE WARDEN TRAINING**

In the event that we need to evacuate the church, we ask that you please think about becoming a Fire Warden to help keep everyone safe. In particular, if you have a regular Mass time, or if you are a Collector or a Reader, we ask that you consider attending the training which will be held on Thursday 18th January at 7pm until 8pm at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue, Willesden Green NW10 2DD. To ensure that there are fire wardens at every Mass we do need as many as possible, please speak to a priest or Chelsea if you are planning on attending. Thank you.

**JUSTICE & PEACE CAKE SALE**

Thank you to the person who donated the pasteis de nata box this weekend, they were delicious and they went very quickly, thank you so much for your generosity! Donations are very welcome to top up the fresh baked cakes donated by the bakers of the Parish. People of any age can sign up to bake for the cake sale on the rota on the table, it might be an idea for someone who wishes to begin their Duke of Edinburgh process.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

 <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<p>15th January at 5:30pm Parent &amp; Candidate Meeting at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue, NW10 2DD</p>
 <b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<p>15th January at 6pm 1. Getting Started here in the Newman Room</p>

13th January 2024 - 20th January 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 13th	5pm	Michael O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 14th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Jamie & Maria Veiras (60th Wedding Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 15th	10am	Anne O'Sullivan (Anniversary)
Tues 16th	10am	Tom, Eileen & Mary Prendergast RIP
Wed 17th	10am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary RIP
Thur 18th	10am	Teresa Barun RIP
Fri 19th	10am	Ann Dolan (Birthday Intentions)
Sat 20th	5pm	Mr & Mrs Aidan McGill & Family

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Satish Umeria (Get Well)
Sacred Heart	Michael O'Sullivan RIP
Our Lady	Mr & Mrs Veiras (60th Wedding A)

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

We look forward to welcoming the young people from Newman Catholic College to Tuesday morning Mass on 23rd January. Many of you will remember that the choir came to sing at our Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner last month, we thank them for their time in preparing and performing for us on that fantastic evening! To read more information about our involvement with Newman Catholic College, you can find their Newsletter - New Year Edition, on our website at [transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk/2024-newsletters](http://transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk/2024-newsletters)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

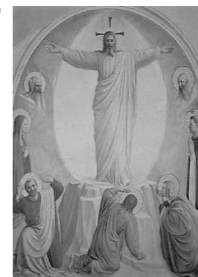
As we approach the beginning of our Sacramental Programmes, please pray for those enrolled for First Holy Communion, Lola, Ace, Lucas, Francis, Emma, Arthur, Clara, Isabel, Arlo, Dorian, A'Jaun, Rocco, Astrid, Ida, Riley, Sabrina, Arianna and Altan. Also, please pray for those enrolled for Confirmation, Nevina, Marni, Alejandra, Alicia, Luca, Matt, Monty, Joshua, Jayden and Chetachi. May the inspiration of the Holy Spirit guide us in the sharing of our faith with our children as they journey closer to you. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEW PARISHIONER?**

Please take a registration form from the porch & return to the Presbytery.

**THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE**

Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3HT



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

14th January 2024

**'We have found the Messiah' (Jn 1:35-42)**

**PARISH TEAM**

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**Fr Natalino Mignolli**

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Parish office open: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30am - 2:00pm

**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**  
£456.63

**DECEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS**  
£3,198.50

**CONTACTLESS INCOME DECEMBER**  
£485.13

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**Meditation:** Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Ex 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Cor 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Rm 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Mt 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Ex 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Saviour of the world (Jn 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**"What do you seek?"**

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ (means Anointed One and Messiah). He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

**"Come and see"**

"Come and see" is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**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**

*Fr Allan*