HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	769 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
KYRIE	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GLORIA	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACCL.	536 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	302 Breathe on me breath of God
SANCTUS	Mass of Christ the Saviour
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
COMMUNION	339 Holy is his name
RECESSIONAL	771 Walk in the light

The Funeral for the late Rachel Downey will take place here on Monday 18th May at 12:00pm. Please keep Rachel and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

"Please remember in your prayers all our young people who are beginning their exams.
St Joseph of Cupertino pray for them."

PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

We pray for the Repose of the soul of Sr Mavis Langmead RJM

We are saddened to share that Sister Mavis Langmaed passed away peacefully on Wednesday 6th May, aged 96. A cherished and longstanding member of the Kensal Rise community, Sister Mavis served with deep dedication as Headteacher at Harlesden School, shaping the lives of countless children and families with her wisdom, kindness, and unwavering faith.
The funeral will take place in Felixstowe at the convent of The Religious of Jesus and Mary (RJM)
Please keep Sister Mavis, her family, and her religious community in your prayers.

The Life of Christ 16 - 20 June 2026 -

The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life

Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of **Wintershall Estate** as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Tickets can be booked at

https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/

Please note that 16th & 17th June are schools only days. There is limited availability on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June. At present there is availability on Saturday 20th June but please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

CELEBRATE Pentecost

Resources for Families

CELEBRATE Trust has released a set of **free, downloadable resources** to help families and parishes prepare for Pentecost:

Pentecost family activity pack — fun activities, prayer ideas, book and film suggestions.
Find the Flame — a quick jigsaw-style activity with optional prayers and Scripture reflections.
'Raising teenagers in a Catholic Family' — taking place on **2 June**, led by Mike and Alicia Hernon from the Messy Family Project.

These resources are designed to support faith at home and strengthen family life as we approach Pentecost.

MASS INTENTIONS 17th May – 24th May 2026

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 16th	**5pm**	John Gorman (1st Anniversary)
Sun 17th	**8am**	People of the Parish
	10am	Jason McCarthy (RIP)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 18th	**10am**	Michael Doyle (Anniversary)
	12pm	***FUNERAL T/L Rachel Downey***
Tue 19th	**10am**	Tommaso Di Giuseppe (Intentions)
Wed 20th	**10am**	Jason McCarthy (RIP)
Thu 21st	**10am**	Matilda Serhal (Birthday Intentions)
Fri 22nd	**10am**	Chris Cooney (RIP)
Sat 23rd	**5pm**	Frank Dolan (Birthday Remembrance)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Enzo Mignolli (RIP)
Our Lady	Paola Vera (RIP)

DIOCESAN NEWS & INFORMATION

Journey with Mary from the Ascension to Pentecost
Online Rosary Daily, 15th-23rd May, 6:00-7:00pm

You are warmly invited to join us as we pray with Mary for the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of those we know and love.
Scan here to book and receive the joining information. You can come once, some of the time or every day.
Prayers will be provided for those less familiar with the Rosary.

Archbishop Richard Moth is asking the whole diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

We know that it is *from amongst his people that God calls his shepherds*, and so, between Good Shepherd Sunday and Pentecost, parishes are encouraged to bring their parishioners together for a Holy Hour each week using the resources below, devoted to the following intentions:

Week One
Pray for men to be open to God's call to the priesthood.
Week Two
Pray for those currently discerning the priesthood.
Week Three
Pray for seminarians in their formation.
Week Four
Pray for your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the diocese.

During your Holy Hour, you may wish to make use of the diocesan prayer for vocations:

God our Father,
You give us the Sacraments as signs
and instruments of your love and mercy.
Draw from amongst your disciples
men who are willing to serve your Church generously
as priests in the Diocese of Westminster,
to minister to your people and to proclaim the Gospel to all.
Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them,
to be their companion on the journey,
as they discern your will for their lives.
This prayer we make through Christ our Lord.
Amen
Our Blessed Lady Immaculate
Pray for us
St John Southworth
Pray for us

Priest Training Fund – Supporting Future Priests
From Good Shepherd Sunday to Pentecost
(26 April–24 May)
If you wish to give, please visit ***rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund***
or scan the QR code

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Sunday Masses:
(Sat 5pm*) Sun 8am & 10am
Italian Mass: Sun 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 10am
Confession: Sat at 4pm before Mass or by appointment
Exposition: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before 10am Mass

* Livestreamed

LAST WEEK OFFERINGS
£481.52

LAST MONTH STANDING ORDERS
£3,871.50

LAST MONTH CONTACTLESS INCOME
£753.00

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THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE

MAY, MONTH OF MARY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
17th May 2026

Today's Gospel gives us a beautiful image: before Jesus speaks, "he raised his eyes to heaven." Gospel of John His eyes are lifted upward because his heart is lifted upward. Jesus longs for the Father, for fullness of life, for eternal glory. And then he prays for us — that we may share in that eternal life.

For many of us, "eternal life" can sound distant or unreal. We are deeply rooted in what is going on around us, there is so much on our minds: work, family, politics, wars, and for those at school exams. We are not thinking of heaven. Yet deep inside every human heart is a longing for something more. We want happiness that lasts, love that does not end, peace that cannot be taken away. That longing is really a longing for God.

The pandemic and lockdown taught many people something important: our lives are limited. We were limited in where we could go, who we could see, what we could do. We discovered how fragile life can be. Even outside lockdown, our lives still have limits. We are limited by time, by fear, by mistakes, by sickness, by loneliness, by sin. Sometimes we feel trapped by pressure, anxiety, or disappointment. But in the gospel today, Jesus speaks about a life without limits.

When we look around creation, we already catch glimpses of God's glory. Think of the beauty of the stars at night, music that moves the heart, laughter with friends, the love of family, moments of prayer when we feel close to God. Think of the Eucharist, where heaven touches earth. These are small windows opening onto something far greater.

Jesus says eternal life is "to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." Eternal life is not simply endless time. It is perfect friendship with God. It is complete joy, complete love, complete freedom. Imagine every good thing in this life — but without pain, fear, death, or separation. That is heaven.

So today Jesus invites us to lift up our eyes, just as he did. Lift your eyes beyond the pressures of today. Lift your eyes beyond fear and limitation. Lift your eyes toward the life God promises.
Because the message of Christianity is not simply about rules or obligations. At its heart is a promise: through Jesus Christ, we are called to life without limits — eternal life with God forever.

Monsignor Roger

A Prayer to Our Blessed Mother in Her Month of May

"As we honour you this month, In prayer, in song, and in devotion, May we be inspired by your example, To say "yes" to God's will, Just as you did in your life.
O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you. Guide us, protect us, and lead us to your Son, Now and always. Amen."