HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

ENTRANCE	704 Praise the Lord ye heavens adore him
KYRIE	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GLORIA	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACCL.	540 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	744 Christ is the world's light
SANCTUS	Mass of Christ the Saviour
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
COMMUNION	360 As I kneel before you
RECESSIONAL	768 Our God reigns

The Funeral for the late Maria Clotilde DeMelo Luiz take place here in the church on Monday 19th at 1:30pm. Please keep Maria Clotilde and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Dear parishioners of Kensal Rise,

I am writing to say thank you for the beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving last Friday at The Transfiguration. It was good to see so many familiar faces, and so encouraging that the readings were read by the young people. I very much appreciate your prayers for me.

And then the day at the races… what fun that was! There certainly were a lot of punters in the Club, and such a good atmosphere as everyone mixed and chatted with each other. You now know that I moonlight as a jockey (poor horse)! To all who contributed and who took part in any way – thank you.

I was very moved to be given the excellent photograph of the majestic East window of the church. The Transfiguration of Jesus is such a symbolic event in the gospel. May the parish go from strength to strength under Fr Albert's leadership, and may we all see the Lord face to face in the fullness of time.

God bless you all,

Monsignor Roger

PARISH INFORMATION

Induction of Fr Albert

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Induction of Fr Albert as Parish Priest, which will take place on Sunday, 1 November, at the 12 noon Mass at St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green.
The ceremony will be conducted by
Canon Shaun Lennard, Episcopal Vicar.
Please keep Fr Albert in your prayers
as he begins this new chapter of his ministry.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2027

All children who wish to prepare for First Holy Communion (currently in Year 3 or above) or Confirmation (currently in Year 9 or above) are required to complete an application form.
Application forms will be available from the celebrating priest after all weekend Masses throughout October.
The completed forms must be returned no later than Sunday, 8th November.

Autumn Study Course & RCIA

We Dare to Love course is open to anyone wishing to deepen their faith and is required for adults considering Baptism in the Catholic Church (RCIA).
Starts: Wednesday 21 October, 7.00pm ***(for 5 weeks)***
Venue: Upstairs Hall, Church of the Transfiguration
Refreshments and course booklets provided.
For more information: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS 18th Oct—25th October 2026

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 17th	**12:30pm**	*BAPTISM*
	5pm	Frank Dolan (Anniversary)
Sun 18th	**8am**	People of the Parish
	10am	Mary Serhal (Birthday Intentions)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 19th	**10am**	Verina Nicholas (RIP)
	1:30pm	*FUNERAL T/L Maria Clotilde DeMelo Luiz*
Tue 20th	**10am**	Deanna Capitelli (Anniversary)
Wed 21st	**10am**	Frank Brennan (RIP)
Thu 22nd	**10am**	Nell Tighe (RIP)
Fri 23rd	**10am**	Gioacchino Di Giuseppe (Intentions)
Sat 24th	**5pm**	Denis Murphy (Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Gioacchino Di Giuseppe (Intentions)
Our Lady	For the Health of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

Prayer for the Health of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

"As a parish community, we pray for **Pope Leo** during his time of illness. Heavenly Father, grant Pope Leo strength, courage, and peace. Bless those who care for him and sustain him with Your healing grace. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, may he be comforted and renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen."

PARISH & DIOCESAN INFORMATION

Thank You for Supporting Our Race Night

The Social Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed so generously to Monsignors leaving present and also those who attended the Race Night . We had a great evening and as well as hosting the farewell party for Monsignor raised **£1313.00** for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

Thank you for your wonderful support of our parish community!

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!

Thank you for your generous support of CAFOD Family Fast Day. Our parish raised **£956.30,** helping children and families in need around the world.
To learn more or to volunteer, visit cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou.
Thank you for putting your faith into action.

Sunday 18th October—Today is World Mission Sunday

2026 100 YEARS

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio—the Pope's charity for world mission— we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme **"One in Christ, united in mission"** to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the **Mission envelope**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit **mission.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

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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
£634.40

LAST MONTH STANDING ORDERS
£4,165.40

LAST MONTH CONTACTLESS INCOME
£1002.50

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18th October 2026

The Gospel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time presents us with one of Jesus' most memorable teachings: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God." These words invite us to reflect on our responsibilities as citizens of the world and, above all, as people of faith.

The Pharisees and Herodians approach Jesus with a question designed to trap him: is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? Whatever answer he gives could provoke opposition. Jesus, however, refuses to be drawn into their political game. By asking whose image appears on the coin, he directs attention beyond the coin itself to a much deeper truth about our relationship with God.

Paying taxes and fulfilling our civic responsibilities are important duties. Christians are called to contribute to the common good, respect legitimate authority, act honestly and work for justice. Yet our loyalty to earthly powers must never replace our ultimate allegiance to God. Political leaders, institutions and material possessions all have their place, but none can claim ownership of our conscience or our soul.

The question for each of us is simple: if the coin bears Caesar's image, whose image do we bear? We are created in the image and likeness of God. Our lives, therefore, are not merely our own possessions. We belong to God, who calls us to live with love, compassion, integrity and generosity.

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God can work through unexpected people and circumstances. Even Cyrus, a foreign ruler who did not know the Lord, became an instrument of God's purpose. This challenges us not to limit God's action to familiar places or people. God's providence can reach beyond the boundaries we create.

In the second reading, Saint Paul praises the Thessalonians for their work of faith, labour of love and endurance in hope. Their example reminds us that genuine faith is not simply a matter of words or Sunday worship. It must be visible in the way we treat our neighbours, serve those in need and respond to the challenges of daily life.

As we celebrate this Sunday, let us ask ourselves what we are giving to God. Are we offering only a little time and attention, or are we giving him our whole hearts? To give God what belongs to God means allowing our faith to shape every decision, relationship and responsibility.

May we fulfil our duties in the world faithfully, while remembering that our deepest allegiance belongs to the Lord. **Let us give Caesar his due, but give God our very selves.**

Fr Matteo

Bi-Annual Requiem Masses

All are welcome to attend the Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Masses for the faithful departed, ***Monday 2 November****, 11.30am at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green (NW10 5NU). After the Mass at the cemetery, Fr Matteo will do the blessing of the graves. See the link to the events page on the cemetery's website :* About us – St Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Please keep in your prayers all those who are buried in these cemeteries and all the faithful departed.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick please email Fr. Matteo at ***matteodigiuseppe@rcdow.org.uk*** with your name, address, phone number and times of availability.