



THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE

NEWSLETTER

19th September 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends

In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the disciples arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. It's very tempting in a close-knit community, to look around and compare myself to others. In some ways this can be positive - we might see some aspects of someone else's character or behaviour that encourages us to strive to aim higher, whether it be in developing a life skill, or hobby or similar.

However, I think one skill that we can always strive to improve is our capacity to LISTEN to each other. By listening, I don't just mean the ability to acquire information, but to listen to whole person - not just what they say, but perhaps what they are not saying, their body language, their tone - and - sometimes to respond in SILENCE. It is in these moments of silence that we can begin to hear that still, small voice of God. I invite you to sit with this Gospel over the coming days. Let a word or phrase jump out at you and see where God is taking you. "The Word of God is alive and active. It cuts more sharply than a double-edged sword".

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful week ahead.

Let's pray for each other!

Father John

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Baptism, Marriage and Funeral Enquires are to come to me in the first instance; 6 months' notice is always required for weddings, unless there are exceptional circumstances;

Those who wish to enroll in the programmes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation should email the Parish for an Application Form. Those wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are reminded that this is a journey undertaken as part of the family. Active parental participation is strongly encouraged, to supplement the role of the catechists and myself. I will require a letter, written to me, from each prospective confirmand, explaining why they want to be confirmed at this time. They should also understand that it is fine for them to discern during the course - indeed it is part of the process - and that they can delay if they so wish, after due discussion etc.

RCIA /Catholic Inquirers - should contact me in the first instance.

Vocations Enquiries - as above;

Anointing of the Sick - at call;

Confessions - at the specified times and at call.

As of 27th September, Mass times will be as follows:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 10am, Tuesdays at 5pm, Saturdays at 11am and 5pm. Sundays at 9am and 11am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 10am on Saturdays. Confessions will be at 10:30am on Saturdays.

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: Kay Papp (A)
Sacred Heart: Kevin McDevitt (Ints)
Our Lady: Peacock Family (Ints)

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

18th September - 25th September

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 18th	6pm	Kay Papp (1st Anniversary)
Sun 19th	9am	Janet Family
	11am	People of the Parish
Mon 20th	12noon	Mrs Noreen Goggin RIP
Tues 21st	6pm	Fr Kevin McDevitt (Intentions)
Wed 22nd	10am	Mary Thornton (Anniversary)
Thurs 23rd	10am	Mrs Teri Botha RIP
Fri 24th	12 noon	Eunice Thomas RIP
Sat 25th	10am	Maria Martinez (Anniversary)
	6pm	Peacock Family (Intentions)

The Parish telephone line is currently undergoing maintenance, please email kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk to get in touch with us. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

School Form (Certificate of Catholic Practise) Appointments: Appointments are available to book at 10 minute slots between the hours of 9:30am and 10am and 12noon until 12:30pm on Saturday 6th October and Saturday 13th October. Booking is essential. Please email kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk as our phone line is currently not working.

Altar Servers: 1 altar server is permitted at the 9am Mass, and 2 permitted at the 11am Mass. They should be from the same school or house bubble.

Coronavirus Protocol: 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.

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.

Fr John and Chelsea will be taking leave on the week of the October half term, beginning 25th October.

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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Website: www.transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk **Westminster Charity No:** 233699

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