

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 10am MASS**

ENTRANCE	664 O praise our great and gracious God
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	185 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	208 O raise your eyes
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	660 Godhead here in hiding
RECESSIONAL	877 Will you come and follow me

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

Every Friday during lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 9:30am before the 10am Mass, instead of Exposition.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

For those of you that are unsure what a Planned Giving Envelope is, during the offertory at Mass, some people put in a small green envelope with money inside, instead of cash.

The envelopes renew in April, which is fast approaching.

**Should you wish to terminate your Planned Giving Envelope or sign up to start donating in a way in which we can claim Gift Aid**, please speak to Chelsea in the Parish Office.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Chelsea the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) **before Thursday 14th March.**

**PLEASE TAKE A LENT LEAFLET HOME**

This contains information about the upcoming Penitential Service with opportunity for private confession, and how you can fulfil your Lenten promise of *prayer, fasting & almsgiving.*

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL & CAFOD**

Thank you to those who have donated already. There is still time to make your Lenten contribution, please take an envelope from the porch of the Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

24th February 2024 - 2nd March 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 24th	5pm	Jeremiah, John & Bridget Lucey (Anniversaries)
Sun 25th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Bill Donovan RIP
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 26th	10am	Satish Umeria & Family (Intentions)
Tues 27th	10am	Rekindling of love between an estranged couple
Wed 28th	10am	Joan Carter (Birthday Anniversary)
Thu 29th	10am	Amy Allan (Birthday Intentions)
Fri 1st	10am	Monica Young (Health)
Sat 2nd	5pm	Stanislav Sipp (Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	For the terminally ill – Pope's intention
Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Our Lady	Joan Carter (Birthday Anniversary)

**THE SYNODAL PROCESS CONTINUES...**

Thank you very much for your thoughtful contributions to the Synodal Process - Towards October 2024 last week. We have received around 100 responses.

This weekend, we will be thinking further about co-responsibility and formation, and how we can better organise ourselves for mission.

**These are some of the questions we will be discussing:**

" What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?



" What structures may need to change?

" How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

You are also very welcome to send your responses to these questions to the parish office by Monday 26 February.

**This is an opportunity for you to make your hopes known, and be fed into the Diocesan Submission for the next Meetings in Rome.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES**

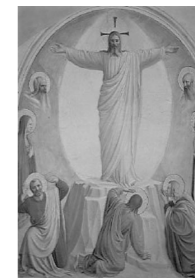
<p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>5:30pm–6:30pm</p> 	<p>26th February</p> <p>“Ch. 4” and Parents Meeting at <u>St Mary Magdalen’s Church</u>, Peter Avenue, NW10 2DD</p>
 <p>CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6pm - 7pm</p> <p>Kensal Rise Church</p>	<p>26th February</p> <p>“6. The Comeback of Jesus”</p>

**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**

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25th February 2024

**This is my Son, the Beloved (Mk 9:2-10)**

**Meditation:** What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory and presence in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:2).

**The Lord wants to share his glory with each of us**

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the glory and blessings of my Father's kingdom - your names will be written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

Jesus succeeded in his mission because he willingly went to Calvary (where he offered up his life for us on the cross), so that Paradise (our true dwelling place with God) would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us. If we hope to share fully in his glory, we, too, must follow him in the way of the cross - by dying to sin and embracing his will for our lives. This is the only true path that leads to everlasting peace and joy with God.

Origen (185-254 AD), an early church Scripture scholar and writer, describes how we are changed and transformed into Christ's likeness as we look to him day by day with faith and honesty and strive to walk according to the light of his truth and righteousness (moral goodness):

*"When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."* [Commentary on Matthew 12:37 by Origen]

**Stay awake spiritually - Don't miss God's glory and action**

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Lk 9:32). Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions in the light of Christ's truth. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ to forsake all for him and his kingdom. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

How spiritually awake are you to Christ's presence and word of life for you? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with expectant faith, reverence, and willing obedience?

*Fr Allan*

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**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**  
£457.74

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£3,656.50

**CONTACTLESS INCOME JANUARY**  
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