## HYMNS FOR Sunday 10am MASS

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| ENTRANCE | 821 The Kingdom of God |
| KYRIE | Mass of Creation |
| GLORIA | Mass of Creation |
| GOSPEL ACCL. | 536 (Verse said) |
| OFFERTORY | 910 Christ be beside me |
| SANCTUS | Mass of Creation |
| MEMORIAL ACCL. | Missa Simplex |
| OUR FATHER | Said |
| AGNUS DEI | Mass of Creation |
| COMMUNION | 874 Take my life |
| RECESSIONAL | 969 Lord of all hopefulness |

***The Funeral for the late Emiliana De Lucia will take place here on Tuesday 28th July at 11:30am. Please keep Emiliana and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.***

***The Funeral for the late Irene Matilda Fernandez Ferlisi will take place here on Wednesday 29th at 12pm. Please keep Irene and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.***

## *PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION*

### Choir and Cake Stall Summer Update

Please note that our wonderful Parish Choir will be taking their annual summer break and will **not be singing** during the month of August.
There will also be **no cake stall** running throughout August.
We wish all of our choir members and volunteers a peaceful, restful summer holiday!
Both the Choir and the cake stall will happily return on **Sunday, 6th September**.

### *Sea Sunday ~ Thank you!*

*Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday.*
*Our parish raised* ***£236****!*
Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need.
To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit **www.stellamaris.org.uk**

### *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 26 July 2026*

The theme of this year's *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* is *"I will never forget you" (Is 49:15).* Celebrated on the *Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne*, it is an opportunity ***to give thanks for grandparents and older people***, recognising their witness of faith, wisdom and love, and to renew our commitment to ensuring that no one is left isolated or alone.
We also ***give thanks for the many organisations*** that support and accompany the elderly:

> **Catholic Grandparents Association** – https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/
> **Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)** – https://svp.org.uk/
> **Legion of Mary** – https://legionofmary.ie/
> **Caritas Westminster** – https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/
> **Caritas Deaf Service** – https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/deafservice/

*Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for more information and QR codes linking to the organisations' websites.*

### Summer School 2026

***The Transfiguration Summer School 2026: Beyond the Cross***
continues with its last session
*on Wednesday 29th July, at 7.00pm.*
Through short films and guided reflections, participants will explore the Easter encounters with the Risen Christ.
*All are welcome.*

## MASS INTENTIONS 26th July – 2nd August 2026

| Date | Time | Intention |
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| **Sat 25th** | **5pm** | Rekindling of love between an estranged couple |
| **Sun 26th** | **8am** | People of the Parish |
| | **10am** | Philomena Healy (Intentions) |
| | **11:30am** | Italian Mass |
| **Mon 27th** | **10am** | Gerry Carthy (RIP) |
| **Tue 28th** | **10am** | Rekindling of love between an estranged couple |
| | **11:30am** | ***FUNERAL T/L Emiliana De Lucia*** |
| **Wed 29th** | **10am** | John Carthy (Intentions) |
| | **12pm** | ***FUNERAL T/L Irene Matilda Fernandez Ferlisi*** |
| **Thu 30th** | **10am** | Gaetano Mendola (Anniversary) |
| **Fri 31st** | **10am** | Mary Carthy (Intentions) |
| **Sat 1st** | **5pm** | Paul Carthy (Intentions) |

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| **Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp** | People of the Parish |
| **Sacred Heart** | Fr Michael O'Connor (RIP) |
| **Our Lady** | Fr Matteo Di Giuseppe (Intentions) |

## *DIOCESAN NEWS & INFORMATION*

### *Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide*

*The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote* ***on Friday, 11 September 2026.*** *Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.*

*"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."*

*You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.*

***Act Now!***

*Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code to visit the Bishops' Conference website. There you will find resources to help you contact your MP, read the reasons why we oppose assisted suicide, explore FAQs, and more.*

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*For more information and resources, visit:*
*cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide*
*righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote*


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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
£420.30

LAST MONTH STANDING ORDERS
£4,044.50

LAST MONTH CONTACTLESS INCOME
£697.50

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# THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE

JULY, MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
26th July 2026

Buried treasure has always captured the human imagination, especially that of children and young people. Many of us grew up with *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, drawn into its unforgettable characters and the dream of discovering hidden riches. When I was a boy—and, truth be told, still now—I devoured the adventures of Tintin and his faithful dog Snowy. Two of those stories revolve around buried treasure, as Tintin and Captain Haddock endure danger and hardship in pursuit of a fortune hidden beneath the earth.

Yet buried treasure is not simply the stuff of fiction. I was recently speaking to someone whose ancestors were farmers. One day, while ploughing an orchard, one of them heard his spade strike something hard and metallic. Gathering the family together, they carefully unearthed an astonishing collection of ancient gold: jewellery, cups, plates and ornaments, all more than two thousand years old. Discoveries like this are remarkable, but not altogether surprising. Before the age of safes, locks and bank vaults, burying valuables in the ground was often the safest way to protect them. It is likely that countless treasures still lie hidden beneath fields and forests across the world, waiting to be discovered.

This helps us to understand the parables of the Kingdom which Jesus tells in today's Gospel. To us, burying treasure may seem rather odd, but in first -century Palestine it was perfectly ordinary. A man walking through a field notices perhaps the glint of gold beneath the soil. Realising what he has found, he carefully hides it again and, filled with joy, sells everything he owns in order to buy what appears to be an unremarkable field, knowing that within it lies an incomparable treasure.

Jesus then tells of a merchant whose livelihood is buying and selling pearls. One day he comes across a pearl of extraordinary beauty and value. Instantly recognising its worth, he too sells everything he possesses so that he can make it his own.

In both stories the overwhelming emotion is joy—the joy of discovering something so precious that every other possession pales into insignificance. Both men willingly sacrifice everything else because they know they are gaining infinitely more than they are giving up.

Jesus' point is beautifully simple. The Kingdom of Heaven is the greatest treasure any of us could ever discover. God offers us nothing less than his own life, his friendship and the promise of eternal life. Through the Church we encounter his presence in the Scriptures, the sacraments and the community of faith. In a world that constantly urges us to chase success, wealth, possessions or popularity, these parables invite us to ask a searching question: what do I value above everything else? The treasures that absorb so much of our time and energy are often temporary and fragile. The treasure Christ offers can never fade or be taken away. To discover him is to discover the one thing that gives lasting meaning and joy to every other part of life.

*Monsignor Roger*

*"Let us remember in our prayers all those in our parish who are sick, housebound, or without personal prayer support, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they feel the comfort of our prayers and the presence of God's love."*