

THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE



Sunday Masses: (Sat 6pm) Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm Italian: 12.30pm

Holydays: 10am & 7pm **Holy Hour:** Fri 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon & Fri 7pm Tues, Wed, Thu & Sat 10am

Confession: Sat 10.30-11.15am & 5-5.45pm and on request

4th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

31 JANUARY 2016

NEWSLETTER

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MASS: From January to July, we'll be focusing on a part of the Holy Mass in our newsletter. This week: **The Entrance Procession**

Is the procession to the altar at the start of Mass just a means of getting to the altar? Or is it simply a way of welcoming 'Fr Smith'?

The entrance procession is far more than this; it has a deep theological significance, reminding us all of the fact that the entire people of God are pilgrims – we are a pilgrim people on the road from here (the earth) to eternity (to heaven). The entrance procession symbolises our journey from the world outside the doors at the back of the church, to our heavenly destination, symbolized by the sanctuary at the front of the church. In that journey, Christ is not only our goal, symbolized by the altar, but He also accompanies us on the way in the person of the priest.

As the procession reaches the altar, the priest kisses the altar, in effect, greeting Christ. The altar stone has come to signify Christ as the cornerstone of that building which is the Church, the People of God, His body. The priest represents Jesus and acts in the person of Christ. Therefore, through his Holy Orders the priest is configured to Christ and is a sacramental sign of the presence of Jesus. In other words, Jesus Christ is walking our aisle, robed in priestly vestments, and arriving to minister to us in Word and Sacrament and we welcome him with a hymn of praise!

All Transfiguration Events will continue or restart from this week including the next Lectio Divina session **1st February at 7.45pm** in the Dempsey Room. All welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: DON'T MISS OUT!

There are a number of exciting events taking place at the parish over the next couple of months including a youth justice and peace group and a film night. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church for details. Hope to see you at one of our events!

BOOKING OF MASSES

Please note we do not take the booking of Masses over the phone. If you want a Mass booked or a Mass on a particular day please come to the parish office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony
Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May
2016 at 3pm.**

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

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FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

31 January - 7 February

Sat 30th 6pm Margaret Czuczelowicz (A)
 Sun 31st 9am People of the Parish (Ints)
 Sun 31st 11am Zawadzki family (RIP)
 Sun 31st 5pm Nimfa Boyet (wedding ann.)

Mon 1st 7pm Pauline Thornton (RIP)
 Tue 2nd 10am **Presentation of the Lord**
 Lauretta (B'day int.)
 Wed 3rd 10am Bridget Clear (A)
 Thu 4th 10am Philomena O'Neill (A)
 Fri 5th 7pm Andrew Luboula (RIP)
 Sat 6th 10am Mary McLoone (RIP)

Sat 6th 6pm Ratti (A) Inis & Ernesto
 Sun 7th 9am People of the Parish (Ints)
 Sun 7th 11am Zieba family (RIP)
 Sun 7th 5pm Armeda Dayahan (Thanksgiving)

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Persecuted Christians
Sacred Heart: Pope Francis
Our Lady: All World Leaders

| HYMNS FOR 9AM MASS | | HYMNS FOR 11AM MASS | |
|---|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Entrance | 959 | Entrance | 959 |
| Kyrie | Heritage Mass | Kyrie | German Mass |
| Gloria | Heritage Mass | Gloria | German Mass |
| Gospel Acclamation | 543 | Gospel Acclamation | 543 |
| Offertory | 604 | Offertory | 604 |
| Sanctus | Heritage Mass | Sanctus | German Mass |
| Memorial Acclamation | | Memorial Acclamation | |
| Agnus Dei | Heritage Mass | Our Father | 587 |
| Communion | 953 | Agnus Dei | German Mass |
| Recessional | 801 | Communion | 970 |
| New members warmly welcomed to join the choir. Practice Monday evenings 8-9 pm | | Recessional | 801 |
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned Giving: £ 548.40
 Loose Plate: £ 693.72
 Many Thanks
 These figures do not include Direct Debits

REFRESHMENTS...

are available upstairs after the 9 and 11am Masses for the Burkina Faso project.

St Charles school opening morning :

Tuesday 9th February 9.30 - 10.30 am Please telephone for an appointment on 020 8969 5566

ARCHDIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

will take place from 24th - 30th July.

The Lourdes theme this year is Merciful Like the Father. For more information contact www.tangney-tours.com

RETRouvaille Matrimony:

A calling to forgive!
 "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope."
Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. *Retrouvaille* offers hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. *Retrouvaille* helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriage can be healed and restored. *Retrouvaille* provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. Further details can be found at www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone/text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443

YEAR OF MERCY

The Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy
 Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
 To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
 To thee do we send up our sighs,
 Mourning and weeping in this vale of tears
 Turn then, most gracious advocate,
 Thine eyes of mercy toward us
 And after this our exile show unto us
 The blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus
 O clement, O loving,
 O sweet Virgin Mary

V. Pray for us,
 O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made
 worthy of the promises Of Christ.



FACT FOR THE WEEK:

Which Catholic European monarch abdicated his throne for thirty six hours in 1990 rather than put his signature to a law legalising abortion?
 Answer: King Baudouin of Belgium

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

ARE YOU LEAVING THE PARISH?

If you and your family are leaving the parish and moving away from Kensal Rise, please do let the parish office know. This helps us update and maintain our parish records. Many thanks. **Fr Sean**

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