

MASS INTENTIONS
3rd August - 10th August

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 3rd	5pm	Rose & Charlie O'Neill (Anniversary)
Sun 4th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Pierre Joseph (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 5th	10am	Julie Paschal (Birthday Intentions)
Tues 6th	10am	Dave Fellon (Get Well)
Wed 7th	10am	Teresa Barun RIP
Thur 8th	10am	Tony Ryan RIP
	6:00pm	Reception of the late Daniel Neylon
Fri 9th	10am	Ellie Collard & Family (Birthday Intentions)
	12noon	Funeral for the late Daniel Neylon
Sat 10th	5pm	Sarah & Luke Courtney (Anniversary)
Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp		People of the Parish
Sacred Heart		Thanksgiving
Our Lady		Pastoral care of the sick

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office is now closed until Monday 12th August. All emails and voicemails will be checked once the office reopens. If you have an urgent enquiry, please contact Monsignor Roger Reader via email or 'phone, using the information in the Parish Team section of this newsletter.

THANK YOU, FR ALLAN ALVARADO GIL (DJ AL)

Today, Fr Allan celebrates his last Mass here in Kensal Rise, before having a well deserved break in preparation for his move to Kentish Town. We thank Fr Allan from the bottom of our hearts for his dedication and service to our Parish over the last 3 years and wish him a restful holiday, with all our best wishes for his move to Parish Priest.

We will be holding a Mass here at Kensal Rise on Friday 13th September at 7pm, as many parishioners are currently away, which will be a mass of thanksgiving for Fr Allan. Please put this date in your diaries. There will be a celebration after the mass. More information will follow soon.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 21st September 2024

On Saturday 21st September, there will be a day trip to Walsingham, leaving here at 7am, returning the same evening. The cost per person is £28.50 for your coach travel and levy. Please take a leaflet for more information. **BOOKINGS WILL OPEN ON 12th AUGUST, PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR BOOKING FORM UNTIL THEN.**



FUNERALS

DANIEL NEYLON

The funeral for the late Daniel Neylon will take place here on Friday 9th August at 12noon.

Daniel's body will be received into the Church on Thursday 8th August at 6pm.

PARISH TEAM

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Parish office open: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30am - 2:00pm

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 to be announced when office reopens

JUNE STANDING ORDERS
£2,948.50

CONTACTLESS INCOME JUNE
£454.00

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th August 2024

It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life

(Jn 6:24-35)

Meditation: Is there anything in this life that can truly satisfy our deepest hunger and longing? Many sought Jesus out because he offered them something no one else could give - bread from heaven from the very hand of God himself. When Jesus had performed the miracle of multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish to provide a refreshing and satisfying meal for more than 5000 people (see John 6:1-15), they wanted to make him their king - no doubt because they wanted more. When Jesus withdrew from the crowd and quietly returned to Capernaum to be with his twelve disciples, they ran to seek him there (John 6:24-25). Jesus met them with a probing question - are you looking for physical food that perishes or food that gives eternal life?

Jesus offers us the bread of heaven which produces spiritual life in us

Do you hunger for the bread of life? The Jews had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the bread of God (Psalm 78:24, Exodus 16:15). There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come. Jesus makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites.

Only Jesus can satisfy our deepest hunger for everlasting truth, life and love

Jesus' question to the crowd, and to each one of us as well, echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy" (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two fundamental types of hunger - physical and spiritual. Only the Lord Jesus can satisfy the deepest hunger in our heart - the hunger for everlasting truth, life, and love. Jesus alone can satisfy our hunger for truth - because in him alone is the Truth which is found in God. Jesus alone can satisfy our hunger for life - because he alone can give us abundant life - the supernatural life of God which transforms us now and lasts forever. Jesus alone can satisfy our deepest hunger for love - the love of God that knows no end, that never fails nor forsakes us, that outlasts sin and death. Jesus alone can satisfy the eternal hunger of our heart, mind, and spirit.

Doing the works of God

Jesus spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God's Son whom he has sent into the world. The Lord Jesus offers a new relationship with God which issues in a new kind of life - a life of sacrificial love, selfless service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy, goodness and loving kindness; a life of holiness, purity, and truth which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of obedience and trust which corresponds to God's offer of abundant life, peace, and happiness. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life?

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

Fr Allan