

ENTRANCE	846 Amazing Grace
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	535 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	610 Take our bread
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	432 Lay your hands
RECESSIONAL	703 Fill our hearts with joy and gladness

7th September – 14th September

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 7th	5pm	Paul O’Sullivan (9th Anniversary) & Patsy O’Sullivan (9th Anniversary)
Sun 8th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Teresa & David Elkins (Intentions)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 9th	10am	Tom Tighe (Anniversary)
Tues 10th	10am	Teresa Barun RIP
Wed 11th	10am	Lilian O’Toole (Anniversary)
Thur 12th	10am	Muriel Friend (Anniversary)
Fri 13th	10am	Lourdes Leitao (Anniversary)
	7pm	Fr Allan’s Mass of Thanksgiving
Sat 14th	5pm	People of the Parish

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Fr Allan Alvarado Gil (Intentions)
Our Lady	Bridie Reynolds (Intentions)

NEW PARISHIONER?

Welcome! Please visit our Parish website and register as a parishioner to receive your welcome pack. www.transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk

FAMILY FUN DAY

We invite you to join us at Willesden Sports Centre on Sunday 22nd September 2024 from 1:00 - 4:00pm at our Family Fun Day, shared with Willesden Green Parish. Bring your family and a picnic for a fun packed afternoon of sports and games.

KENSAL RISE LIBRARY

Kensal Rise Library needs more volunteers to help run the library—all levels of time commitment welcome! Come along to our group training session at Bathurst Gardens, NW10 5EU on Saturday, 14th September, 5:00 - 7:00pm. Email us at kensalriselibraryvolunteers@hotmail.com to reserve a space or register interest for the future.



FUNERALS

GWENETH PASCAL

The funeral for the late Gweneth Pascal will take place here on Wednesday 18th September at 12noon. Please keep Gweneth and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE



Tel: 020 454 23716

Email: kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk

Web: www.transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/COTTKR

Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3HT

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2024

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Monsignor Roger Reader
rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk
0208 451 4677

Assistant Priest
Fr Allan Alvarado Gil
allvarado@rcdow.org.uk

Italian Chaplaincy
Fr Natalino Mignolli

Parish Secretary
Chelsea Bottomley
kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk
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
£499.20

JULY STANDING ORDERS
£3,530.67

CONTACTLESS INCOME JULY
£619.60
Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT)
Registered Charity No: 233699

Be Opened!

Last Tuesday I was waiting at the ‘bus stop with some friends when a large motorbike pulled up. The rider, hidden behind a helmet, called out, "Is that Fr. Roger?" I’ll admit, I was a bit nervous at first—who wouldn’t be, confronted by a mystery man on a motorbike in London? But when he took off his helmet, I recognized him immediately. It was Johnny, who’d been in Feltham Young Offenders from 2011 - 2014. Johnny had been in a tough place back then, but he told me he had turned his life around and had managed to stay out of trouble for nearly ten years. Seeing him made me think about the challenges and struggles that so many people in our society face, especially those who have been through the prison system.

Our prisons are in a parlous state. The prison population has reached an all-time high, with over 88,000 people incarcerated. This leap in the population has partly been caused by the sentencing of the rioters this summer. This overcrowding is causing serious problems. Many prisoners are being moved far away from their families, making it almost impossible for loved ones to visit. Imagine trying to take three small children on a long train journey to visit their parent in a prison miles away. How difficult and heart-breaking that must be.

There is a lot of talk from politicians and the media about tougher sentences and making sure that those who break the law are punished. It’s easy to forget that real justice isn’t just about locking people up—it’s also about helping them change, giving them a chance to make a new start. When our prisons are overcrowded, there’s little room for education, for offending behaviour programmes and learning how to live better lives. Instead of being places of rehabilitation, they become warehouses where people are simply kept out of sight. Having worked in prisons, I know that the longer a prisoner kept behind his or her door, the less likely he or she is to be open to change.

In today’s gospel we hear how Jesus opened the ears of the deaf man so he could hear the truth. We need to pray that our own ears will be opened—that we will hear the truth about what’s happening in our justice system. As well as the voices of victims of crime, we need to listen to the voices of those who have been in prison, like Johnny, who have struggled to find their way back to a better life. We need to listen to the families who suffer when their loved ones are taken far away. And we need to listen to the experts who tell us that overcrowded prisons don’t work—they don’t make us safer, and they don’t help people change.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, “Ephphatha,” which means “Be opened.” I believe this is a call for all of us to be open—to open our hearts to those who are struggling, to open our minds to the need for reform, and to open our ears to the cries for justice. There’s no simple solution to the problems in our prison system, but I believe that if more of us are willing to listen, to really hear what’s going on, we can start to make a difference.

May God will open our ears and our hearts, so that we can be instruments of His justice and mercy in the world. May we always remember that every person, no matter their past, is a child of God and deserves a chance to find their way home.

Monsignor Roger