

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

29 NOVEMBER 2015

NEWSLETTER

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The word Advent comes from the Latin word for arrival or coming. It is a season of preparation and prayer for the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is also the beginning of the new liturgical year. During Advent we think of how Christ comes into our lives specifically in three ways. Firstly at the Incarnation when God the Son took on human nature and flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. Secondly when he comes to us in Holy Communion and thirdly we contemplate the second coming of Christ, when he comes not as a defenceless infant but as King who will judge the living and the dead. Each of these events needs prayer and careful preparation. Advent helps us to prepare for Christmas through joyous anticipation but also of penance and preparation. If we are able to receive Holy Communion we should always ensure that we are properly prepared and never treat this meeting with Christ in a flippant or casual way. Lastly the second coming. During the run up to Advent and in the season itself the readings at Mass often point to the second coming of Christ. The readings urge us to be always prepared for that event for we do not know the day or the hour.

Advent is also a time when we should be thinking of making our confession as a helpful way of preparation.

Might I suggest that we all use this time wisely and that if possible try to hold back on the Christmas decorations for as long as possible, as I believe it makes Christmas so much more special as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

CHURCH MOTIF BAGS

Will be on sale after Mass today. This is a second batch as these bags were so popular. We aim to make a profit which will go towards our tower bell fund.

The cost of the bags is £10

FUNERAL NOTICE

The reception into church of the late Jimmy Collins will be on Monday 7th December at 6pm and the funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th at 11am.

Condolences to his family and friends

CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

At the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday evening Fr Sean suggested that this year it might be a nice idea for the Children in the parish to take part in a Christmas Tableau at the 9.00 Mass on Christmas Day.

The plan would be that as Fr Sean reads the Gospel children re-enact the Christmas story culminating in all of the Children being seated in the Sanctuary in front of the congregation. There was overwhelming support for this amongst Parish Council members.

This could be an amazing addition to our Christmas Day Mass but we appreciate that many families visit relatives and may not be here in the Parish. Additionally, in order to be a success it is critically important that the children are available to practise.

Therefore, before we go ahead and plan for it we would like parents who can commit to being at 09.00 Mass on Christmas Day and bring their children to the practise sessions laid out below to sign up today and next week at the back of church

Practise sessions

Tuesday 15th December at 4.00pm

Tuesday 22nd December at 11.00

Presbytery: 1 Wrentham Avenue, London, NW10 3HT **Tel:** 020 8964 4040

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Catechetical Co-ordinator: Nalini Nathan **E-mail:** nalininathan@rcdow.org.uk

FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

29 November - 6 December

Sat 28th 6pm November Dead List
 Sun 29th 9am Julie Murphy (RIP)
 Sun 29th 11am Molly McClude (RIP)
 Sun 29th 5pm Paul O'Sullivan (RIP)

Mon 30th 7pm Peter Vahey (B'day)
 Tue 1st 10am Mary Thornton (RIP)
 Wed 2nd 10am Fr Sean's Birthday Int.
 Thu 3rd 10am Julie Murphy (RIP)
 Fri 4th 7pm Pat Liston (RIP)
 Sat 5th 10am Thanksgiving (St Anthony)

Sat 5th 6pm Patrick Murphy (A)
 Sun 6th 9am Domingos Rebelo (A)
 Sun 6th 11am Anthony & Sylvia Roberts (A)
 Sun 6th 5pm People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Peace in the World
Sacred Heart: Holy Souls
Our Lady: Pope Francis

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee would like to invite you to a **Christmas Coffee, Cake and Chat Morning after the 9am and 11am Masses on December 6th**, Feast of St Nicholas. Get into the festive mood and meet some new parishioners over a cuppa. Come and have some fun joining in with the Christmas Craft activities.

The proceeds for our Tea, Coffee & Chat on 6th December will go to the people of the Caribbean Island of Dominica who suffered tremendous damage following the passage of Tropical Storm Erika on August 29th 2015. Many people lost their lives and many are still missing & unaccounted for. Schools have been damaged & some schools are temporarily relocated in Churches. Dominica is 98% Catholic. Many people have been generous & kind and your support on 6th December would be much appreciated. 'In giving we receive'. On their behalf thank You.

OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

12th December 2015 (7:30 pm)

The Committee are pleased to say this will be a catered hot meal: Turkey/salmon/vegetarian option. Places are limited. **Please sign up on list in porch.**

SPUC will be making their appeal weekend Sat / Sun 8/9 January

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GROUP

meet on Saturday December 5th at 4.15 pm for Rosary, Meditation on Mysteries etc. Special intention this month to honour Mary's Immaculate Conception for people of the parish. All welcome.

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.

FUN FACT FOR THE WEEK:

The Bible was Sir Isaac Newton's greatest passion - he wrote more about religion than about science and mathematics! Newton learned Hebrew, spent half his life, and devoted much more time to this pursuit than to science.

HYMNS FOR 9AM MASS

Entrance	95
Kyrie	Missa Simplex
Gospel Acclamation	71
Offertory	607
Sanctus	Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation	Sung
Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex
Communion	87
Recessional	982

HYMNS FOR 11AM MASS

Entrance	95
Kyrie	Missa Simplex
Gospel Acclamation	71
Offertory	607
Sanctus	Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation	Sung
Our Father	30
Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex
Communion	87
Recessional	84

New members warmly welcomed to join the choir. Practice Monday evenings 8-9 pm

THE REPOSITORY

This weekend 28/29 November the repository will be selling Christmas cards and other seasonal goods in the porch after Mass



SAFEGUARDING

If you are volunteering in the Parish, and have been asked to go through the safeguarding process. Serena, our Safeguarding Rep will be available to verify and sign off documents on Monday 7th December 6 - 7pm at the Presbytery. If you can't make that time, or have any other queries, please contact Serena at s.hadi@outlook.com or 07947740662.

YEAR OF MERCY

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in the Vatican on 8 December. The Cardinal will open the Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral in the context of Vespers and Benediction at 3.30 pm on Sunday, 13 December. You are very welcome to attend. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others through the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. The Cardinal has prepared *A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy* by way of explanation and to help us experience God's mercy to the full. Copies of the booklet are available free for every home in the parish/can be obtained from the Cathedral. More information about events during the year, Holy Doors and the Indulgence is available on the Diocesan Website <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>

This Tuesday (1 Dec) is **World AIDS Day**. In the UK there are 108,000 people living with HIV. Catholics for AIDS Prevention and Support provides pastoral ministry to those infected with HIV in the UK. For further information visit www.caps-uk.org and www.positivecatholics.com, or call 07505 608 655.

REFRESHMENTS...

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned Giving: £639.80
 Loose Plate: £643.35

Many Thanks
 These figures do not include Direct Debits

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