

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

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

06 DECEMBER 2015

NEWSLETTER



NEW PICTURE

If you go up to Newman room, you will notice that there is a new picture adorning the wall on the far side, which has replaced the dark and rather ineptly painted crucifixion that hung there until recently.

The new picture is a copy of Titian's altarpiece for the Church of the Holy Saviour in Venice. Painted in 1563, this late work depicts the Transfiguration of Christ: The luminous figure of Jesus, metamorphosed into radiant glory, is joined by Moses and Elijah, who flank him in the heavenly realm. This buoyant rise and recession is visually countered by the downward fall of the apostles Peter, James and John in the foreground, who plunge toward the spectator with alarming force. The result is dynamic as well as magnificent, drawing the viewers into its vortex even as they enter the room through the opposite door.

Hopefully you will agree that the Newman room benefits from this new artwork - not only in terms of its high artistic quality, but also because it shows the very episode from the New Testament which gives our church its name.



OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

12th December 2015 (7:30 pm)

Our Annual Christmas Party for our over 60's will be held next Saturday 12th December at 7:30 following our 6pm Mass. Fr Neil will be playing the piano!!! Come and enjoy the fun!!

Please ensure that you add your name to the list so that we know how many people to cater for. If your name is on the list please let us know if you're unable to come.

Fr Sean & the Social Committee look forward to seeing you. God bless.



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 NOTICES

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 8th at 11am**.

The funeral of **Etel Szabo** of 100 Liddle Gdns will take place on **Wednesday 9th December at 12 noon**.

We offer our condolences to their 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

COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS

There will be a collection over the next two weeks for flowers to enhance the church at Christmas.

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FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

6 -13 December

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

Mon 7th 7pm Harry Howse (Ints)
 Tue 8th 10am **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 Michael Hoare (A)
 Wed 9th 10am Jack & Liz (Ints).
 Thu 10th 10am Mary Liston (Ints)
 Fri 11th 7pm Isabella Poku (A)
 Sat 12th 10am Hannah O'Connor (RIP)

Sat 12th 6pm Ines & Ernesto Ratti (RIP)
 Sun 13th 9am People of the Parish
 Sun 13th 11am Teresa (Int)
 Sun 13th 5pm Daniel Long (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Carmen
Sacred Heart: Luca
Our Lady: Violeta

HYMNS FOR 9AM MASS		HYMNS FOR 11AM MASS	
Entrance	95	Entrance	95
Kyrie	Missa Simplex	Kyrie	Missa Simplex
Gospel Acclamation	71	Gospel Acclamation	71
Offertory	605	Offertory	605
Sanctus	Missa Simplex	Sanctus	Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation	Sung	Memorial Acclamation	Sung
Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex	Our Father	30
Communion	99	Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex
Recessional	108	Communion	100
New members warmly welcomed to join the choir. Practice Monday evenings 8-9 pm		Recessional	90

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.

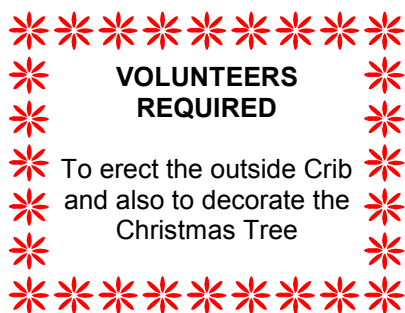
MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee would like to invite you to a **Christmas Coffee, Cake and Chat Morning after the 9am and 11am Masses Today**, 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.

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/>



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

To erect the outside Crib and also to decorate the Christmas Tree

FUN FACT FOR THE WEEK:



Though famous for her charitable works, Mother Theresa spent the first 3 hours of her morning in prayer to God. She spent more time in prayer than anything else.

SPUC will be making their appeal weekend Sat / Sun 8/9 January 2016

RED BOXES

The Area Promoters have now returned all the remaining Red Boxes to the holder's homes with a receipt, magazine and a 2016 Calendar. The amount sent to the missions in need is £611.50. The overall total sent this year is £1644.66.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

LONDON IRISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DANCE
 Tuesday 9th December 12.30 - 5.30pm.

Two course meal - Live Music - Dancing - Raffle and fun! £15

There will be a **Carol Service in aid of The Passage** on Friday 11 December at St Margaret's Westminster. Admission by advanced ticket only details from 020 75921856 or <http://passage.org.uk/carol-service-by-candlelight-2015/>

Advent at the Niland Centre

Celebrating Christmas in Song—Friday 11 December 7.00 pm with Sister Avril OP followed by refreshments (suggested donation £10). Rosary Priory 93 Elstree Road Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Registrations welcomed 020 8950 4000 / www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk

REFRESHMENTS...

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned Giving: £ 620.40
 Loose Plate: £1037.39

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