

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 OF ADVENT (C)

20 DECEMBER 2015

NEWSLETTER



PARISH MAGAZINE - Christmas Edition

The Christmas Edition is now available in the porch. Thank you for your contributions. We hope you enjoy reading about your parish and community here in Kensal Rise. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year. Price £1.50



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES 2015/16

Thursday	24 December	11.30pm 12 midnight	Carols & Readings Midnight Mass
Friday	25 December	9am 11am NO EVENING MASS	The Nativity of the Lord
Saturday	26 December	10 am NO EVENING MASS	St Stephen, Protomartyr
Sunday	27 December	9am 11am 5pm	Feast of the Holy Family
Monday	28 December	10am	Holy Innocents
Tuesday	29 December	10am	St Thomas Becket
Wednesday	30 December	10am	
Thursday	31 December	10am	
Friday	01 January	12 noon	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Saturday	02 January	MASSES AS USUAL	

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FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

20 December - 3 January

Sat	19th	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun	20th	9am	Constanca Soares (A)
Sun	20th	11am	Teresa & Larry (Ints)
Sun	20th	5pm	Hannah Long friends & family
Mon	21st	7pm	Maureen Long (A)
Tue	22nd	10am	Hailong Li (sick) + Rita Durkan (Int)
Wed	23rd	10am	Mary Hall RIP)
Thu	24th	10am	John Barun (A)
		Midnight	Denis & Patrick Murphy(RIP)
Fri	25th	9am	The Nativity of the Lord
			Ponzoni Family (Ints)
		11am	Thornton Family (Ints)
Sat	26th	10am	People of the Parish
			No Evening Mass
Sun	27th	9am	St Stephen, The First Martyr
			Austin & Kyle families (RIP)
Sun	27th	11am	Mary Kusiwaa, Dominic Ampofo, Patrick Adabo (RIP)
Sun	27th	5pm	Jimmy Collins (RIP)
Mon	28th	10am	The Holy Innocents
			Verina Nicholas (B'day)
Tue	29th	10am	Joseph Agyema-Dua (A)
Wed	30th	10am	Sean Campbell (RIP)
Thu	31st	10am	John Hever (RIP)
Fri	1st	12 noon	Solemnity of Mary
			Susan Carberry (Ints)
Sat	2nd	10am	Alwyn Marshall (RIP)
Sat	2nd	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun	3rd	9am	The Epiphany of the Lord
			Kathleen Carter (RIP)
Sun	3rd	11am	Jane Joseph (A)
Sun	3rd	5pm	Lil Sharp (Int.)

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Pope Francis
Sacred Heart: Peace in the World
Our Lady: Year of Mercy

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.

HYMNS FOR 9AM MASS

Entrance	95
Kyrie	Missa Simplex
Gospel Acclamation	71
Offertory	126
Sanctus	Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation	Sung
Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex
Communion	113
Recessional	112
New members warmly welcomed to join the choir. Practice Monday evenings 8-9 pm	

HYMNS FOR 11AM MASS

Entrance	95
Kyrie	Missa Simplex
Gospel Acclamation	71
Offertory	113
Sanctus	Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation	Sung
Agnus Dei	30
Communion	Missa Simplex
Recessional	111
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned Giving: £ 540.55
 Loose Plate: £ 706.45

Many Thanks
 These figures do not include Direct Debits

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SEAN

My dear friends, Advent is well underway now and shortly we will be celebrating the feast of Christmas. We will gather for the midnight Mass, or on Christmas Day for the celebration of the incarnation. The fact that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to save us from sin and lead us to our heavenly home.

In Jesus Christ we stand at the point of intersection between the divine and the human. In Christ we see what God offers to humanity, and can grasp at the divine. At the birth of Christ on that first Christmas Day a light shone on a darkened world, a light that brought hope and joy to those who first saw it; Mary and Joseph, the poor shepherds and then later, the countless millions of believers. If we do not believe in the reality of the incarnation we remain in the dark and the dark brings fear and sadness. If we do not believe, we miss the true meaning of life and the future has no hope.

As we celebrate Christmas this and every year, let us thank God for sending His divine Son to redeem us and for the gift of faith. A faith that ensures we look beyond the trappings and tinsel of Christmas to its very heart. Like all great feasts of the Church, Christmas is a celebration of the mystery of God's love for us. A love that would lead Christ from the crib to the cross and thus reveal the depth of His love for fallen humanity.

Dear friends, as you celebrate this holy feast, try and make sure you and your loved ones kneel at the crib and contemplate God's love for us all. Remind your children why we celebrate Christmas each year and what the meaning of Christmas truly is. Ensure your home has a Nativity scene and make it the heart of your festivities. To remove Christ from Christmas leaves us with nothing.

May God bless you.
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