



# THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th May 2019

## NEWSLETTER

### The Sacrament of Confirmation

Today/yesterday, a group of young people from the Parish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Westminster Cathedral, which is the Mother church of the Diocese. At the 11am Mass this weekend the candidates will receive their Confirmation certificates. I am asking the Congregation to pray for them on this wonderful day in their lives. The day that they committed publically, as adult members of the Church, their lives to Christ. In the secular world in which we live, what a courageous and loving act these young people have carried out. Sadly, and it breaks my heart, that every year, after they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, some of the young people do not darken the doors of the Church again. And that is why, amongst the Clergy, this Holy Sacrament is often referred to as the "Sacrament of Exit". During the Confirmation course each year, there are always a couple of young people that pull out and decide that they are not ready or do not wish to be Confirmed. I admire this choice. For they have been brave enough to express what is in their heart. Braver than the young people who receive the Sacrament and then immediately lapse. I am sure this will not happen to this group!

### First Holy Communions

Next Saturday the children of the Parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion. I am sure that like me, many of you will remember that special day in your own lives, the day that Jesus truly came to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep the children in your prayers throughout the coming week as they prepare for this momentous day in their lives.

A child's First Holy Communion is about a gift, and that gift is Christ. It is a step on their spiritual journey and formation. Sometimes people like to give the child a gift on this special day. May I please remind you that it is a religious occasion, and perhaps a religious gift is the most appropriate gift. Does your child have his or her own Bible? Does your child have a prayer book? Does your child have a Sunday Missal? Is there a crucifix or a statue of Our Lady, or even perhaps their Patron Saint in their bedroom? Do they own a rosary?

Or another religious item? This gift which they will hopefully keep for the rest of their lives and remind them of the first day that Christ entered their lives in the most Holy Eucharist. I am always a little taken aback when children start telling me how much money, computer games, toys etc. they received for their First Holy Communion. In God's Holy Name, these gifts have nothing to do with their First Holy Communion. If the child's remembrance of this special day is how much money they received, then surely we have lost the point, and excluded Christ.

To buy such items, we have some in our Repository at the back of the Church, there is also St Paul's bookshop on Kensington High Street or The Catholic Truth Society and St Paul's bookshop by Westminster Cathedral, or if you haven't got the time, online!

### Altar Servers

On Saturday 25th May at 12noon, I would like to see all our servers present for the First Holy Communion Mass. Can I remind the servers who have received their Guild of St Stephen medal, that you made a public promise not just to serve reverently and with understanding, but to serve when needed and asked. Therefore, I am asking you now to be present. If you are unable to, please let me know today.

### Good Shepherd Sunday & A Notice For Collectors

Last week we welcomed Tim from Allen Hall Seminary and we had the first collection for the training of your future priests. This collection will also take place today, for those who took envelopes home with them, and for those who had with them no extra cash. No collection was taken at the 9am Mass, could I ask collectors to please ensure that someone is at the back of the Church for any retiring collection. Thank you.

**Sunday Masses:** (Sat 6pm) Sun 9am & 11am, **Italian:** 12.30pm  
**Holydays:** 10am & 7pm **Holy Hour:** Fri 6pm (not in Lent)  
**Weekday Masses:** Mon & Fri 7pm Tues, Wed, Thu & Sat 10am  
**Confession:** Sat 10.30-11.15am & 5-5.45pm and on request

### HYMNS

9am Mass	11am Mass
<b>Entrance</b> 469	<b>Entrance</b> 794
<b>Kyrie</b> Heritage Mass	<b>Kyrie</b> German Mass
<b>Gloria</b> Heritage Mass	<b>Gloria</b> German Mass
<b>Gospel Accl</b> 536	<b>Gospel Accl</b> 261 (Teresa verse 5C)
<b>Offertory</b> 360	<b>Offertory</b> 920
<b>Sanctus</b> Heritage Mass	<b>Sanctus</b> German Mass
<b>Memorial</b> Sung	<b>Memorial Accl</b> Missa Simplex
<b>Our Father</b> Said	<b>Our Father</b> German Mass
<b>Agnus Dei</b> Heritage Mass	<b>Agnus Dei</b> German Mass
<b>Communion</b> 627	<b>Communion</b> 627
<b>Recessional</b> 647	<b>Recessional</b> 322

### FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

18th May 2019 - 25th May 2019

Feast Days: Tuesday 21st - St Bernadine of Siena, Priest.  
 Wednesday 22nd - St Rita of Cascia, Religious.  
 Saturday 25th - St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 18th	6pm	Mick Doyle (A)
Sun 19th	9am	Remediana Pinheiro (A)
	11am	People of the Parish
Mon 20th	7pm	Kathy Slevin (Special Intentions)
Tues 21st	10am	Rev. George Dangerfield (RIP)
Wed 22nd	10am	Lydia Ogundimu (Intentions)
Thurs 23rd	10am	Mick Doyle (A)
Fri 24th	7pm	Mr Billy Clear (RIP)
Sat 25th	10am	Ms Pam Little (RIP)
	6pm	Lilian Wakeling

### SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Children making their Holy Communion & Confirmation this month  
 Sacred Heart: Rakiatu Sulaiman (Get Well)  
 Our Lady: Michael & Mary O'Beirne (Intentions)

### EVENTS

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL - WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY AT 6:30PM

Every Saturday : Legion of Mary meetings after the 10am Mass

Every Sunday : Coffee & Cake after 9am & 11am Mass

Every Monday : Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Dempsey Room & Choir Practice at 8pm

1st Thursday of every month : Faith Sharing Group after 10am Mass

2nd Thursday of every month : Padre Pio meeting at 2 Leigh Gardens, London NW10 5HP. 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass.

Thank you for your contribution

Standing Orders for April came to  
£2817.00

Last Week's Collection  
Loose Plate : £387.55 Envelopes : £348.05

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**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**