



THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th July 2020

NEWSLETTER

Dear friends

I can't tell you how pleased I am to see you this weekend. You have no idea how much I have missed everybody. Saying mass alone every day and carrying out the Easter ceremonies on my own was most disheartening. It felt like the church had been abandoned and empty.

I have prayed for you all every day and have longed for this moment when we can be together again at the altar of the Lord.

We have been informed that the Mass must be shortened and so various things will be missing, such as; a brief sermon, no bidding prayers, and no congregational singing. I hope that this too will soon pass and that we will be back to normal.

As you can see from the insert in the newsletter there are strict rules which have allowed us to open this weekend, and that we must follow. Please do read the instructions very carefully that Chelsea has drawn up, and please do ensure that you abide by them. There are stickers and markings everywhere showing you where to stand and the distance you must keep between yourselves. This of course does not include families from the same household and bubbles.

During the last 16 weeks, I unfortunately came closer than many to the affects of the virus, carrying out many more burials and cremations than usual. The sadness and grief of the families was desperate, and for most of them, the last time they saw their loved ones alive was when they were taken away in an ambulance. Please keep those who have died in your prayers, and their families, and let us pray also that a vaccine will be found quickly to prevent such tragedy again.

The church will now be open for Mass every day and the Mass times are back to normal apart from Mondays, which will be at 10am for the foreseeable instead of 7pm.

Let us today give thanks to the Lord, that we are able to gather again as a Catholic community, and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. Like so many of my brother Priests, I was so touched by the desire of so many of you to receive Holy Communion, which shows your love, faith and devotion to Our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. Thank you to everyone for your kind offers of help during the last months, to me personally and to the parish. And please be assured of my continuing prayers for your wellbeing.

With my affection and prayers,

Fr Sean

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

THANK YOU...

in no particular order, to the cleaners of the Church who have also done a remarkable job weeding the grounds. To Steph & Jeff for doing Fr Sean's shopping, to Jack for watering the plants, to Gina for doing the housekeeping. To Rhona, Laura, Claudia, Cruz, Belen, Ruth, Andrea, Bayissi, Leah, Elizabeth, Flo, Paul, Rebecca, John, Nelson, Anna, Marie, Liz, Daniel, Lorcan & John, Katie & Colin for volunteering to steward the Church during Private Prayer hours, and for all of you who volunteered that we didn't get round to using, without you it wouldn't have been possible. And finally, a huge thank you to Roberto Ratti, who was present every day to assist with the Live Streaming of the Mass, whom without it wouldn't have happened. You made Fr Sean an internet sensation!!

MASS INTENTIONS

4th July – 11th July

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 4th	10am	Romao Leitao (A)
	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 5th	9am	Gervasio Garcia Veres
	11am	Travis Lawrence Watson (2nd A)
Mon 6th	10am	Maguida Santos (A)
Tues 7th	10am	James Carroll (A)
Wed 8th	10am	Fr Martin McPake (Intentions)
Thurs 9th	10am	Benedicto L. Taylo (1st A)
Fri 10th	7pm	Stephanie Clarke (Birthday Ints)
Sat 11th	10am	Mr & Mrs Clarke (Remembrance)
	6pm	Fr Sean Thornton (Intentions)

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS
 Main Altar: Protection from Coronavirus
 Sacred Heart: Key Workers
 Our Lady: Those who have died with nobody to pray for them.

Baptisms, Confirmations & Holy Communions : At this present time, we currently have no further information on when these can resume. As soon as we get any information we will be in contact. If you wish to enquire about a Baptism, you may email the Parish Office and we can get in touch when restrictions are lifted.

Marriages & Funerals : These are now permitted to take place in the Church, please contact the Parish Office if you wish to get married, or ask the funeral director to contact us about a funeral. 30 people max for each.

THE HALL IS STILL REQUIRED TO REMAIN CLOSED, THEREFORE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO EVENTS

MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

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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

