



# THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22nd December 2019

## NEWSLETTER

My dear friends in Christ,

I can't believe that I am sitting in the office with Chelsea writing a short Christmas message to you all. Where has 2019 gone!

Talking to some parishioners about how quickly time flies, they all agreed that this year seems to have been the quickest they have ever known, and I can vouch for that.

In fact, looking back as I prepare for my 17th Christmas as Parish Priest, these years have flown by.

2019 brought to me the great joys and sorrows of sharing your lives. I have had the privilege of baptising 30 of your children, hearing the children's first confessions and giving them the Lord in their First Holy Communion, talking to the young people about Confirmation, preparing couples for marriage, being at the bedside of the dying and sending your loved ones to God. All of these in their own way have been a unique privilege to me. I can't tell you what it means as a priest to be there at the most important moments of your lives, from the baptism of a child to being the last person someone may talk to before dying. These examples are part of daily parish life and go on year after year, and I thank God for calling me to the Priesthood and allowing me to be present at such privileged moments in your lives.

In a few days time we will celebrate a birth, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He gave us all the Sacraments which I have just spoken about, they are glimpses of His love and strengthen us on our journey. He came to show His love for us and to guide us home. If we hold fast to His teaching and do our best to live out His law of love, which is of course the love of God and the love of neighbour, we will truly be happy in this life and in the next. And that is what Christ wants for us: our happiness.

In your daily lives especially over the Christmas season, try and bring the joy and happiness that your faith should bring to you into the lives of those around you, because Christ is a generous lover, he does not wish for us to keep his love for ourselves but to share it with all.

Make Christmas a time of reconciliation and forgiveness, ensure that any wounds that you have, any old arguments or feuds are forgiven and forgotten. Only this kind of forgiveness can remove resentment and bitterness and hatred from our hearts. Then we can all truly celebrate the birth of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As we prepare to enter a new year we do so full of confidence, that we do not walk alone, and that Christ is holding our hand. And if we keep a tight grip on that hand only happiness and hope will fill our hearts.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas, with my prayers gratitude and deepest thanks for your kindness to me,

Your devoted parish priest.

Fr Sean

### Christmas Offerings

At the back of the church you will find some Christmas offering envelopes. This offering is your personal offering to your Parish Priest and goes directly to him after being given in at the collection.

### Nativity Tableau

There will be two rehearsals for the Nativity Tableau that takes place during the 9am Mass on Christmas Day. The first one will be straight after the 9am Mass on Sunday 22nd December and the second one will be after the 10am Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to take part in the Tableau please come along to the rehearsals.



**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> 117	<b>Entrance</b> 107
<b>Kyrie</b> Missa Simplex	<b>Kyrie</b> Missa Simplex
<b>Gospel Accl</b> 70	<b>Gospel Accl</b> 71 (Verse 4)
<b>Offertory</b> 113	<b>Offertory</b> 113
<b>Sanctus</b> Missa Simplex	<b>Sanctus</b> Missa Simplex
<b>Memorial</b> Sung	<b>Memorial Acclamation</b> Sung
<b>Our Father</b> Said	<b>Our Father</b> 30
<b>Agnus Dei</b> Missa Simplex	<b>Agnus Dei</b> Missa Simplex
<b>Communion</b> 126	<b>Communion</b> 349
<b>Recessional</b> 112	<b>Recessional</b> 112

### FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

21st December 2019 – 28th December 2019

Feast Days:

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 21st	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 22nd	9am	Constanca Soares (A)
	11am	Margaret Turner (A)
Mon 23rd	7pm	Pierre Joseph (A)
Tues 24th	10am	Jack Tighe & family (Intentions)
	Midnight	Bottomley Family intentions
Wed 25th	9am	Ponzoni Family intentions
	11am	Thornton Family intentions
Thurs 26th	10am	Elisa Oliveira (A)
Fri 27th	7pm	Jimmy McNeill RIP
Sat 28th	10am	Denis, Peggy & Patrick Murphy (A)
	6pm	For the rekindling of love between an

### SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Thornton family intentions

Sacred Heart: Verina Nicholas (Birthday A)

Our Lady: For all parishioners who died in 2019

### EVENTS

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

Every Tuesday: Keep Fit with Ruth in the Newman Room after 10am Mass, all ages and abilities welcome!

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 October came to

£2682

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate : £679.22 Envelopes : £256.50

**Parish Priest:** Fr Sean Thornton **Presbytery:** 1 Wrentham Avenue, London, NW10 3HT

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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**