

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

1st Sunday of Lent (C)

14 FEBRUARY 2016

NEWSLETTER

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MASS: From January to July, we'll be focusing on a part of the Holy Mass in our newsletter. This week: The Act of Penitence

KYRIE ELEISON - possibly the only Greek words that most Catholics can recognise besides baklava! We are human and we sin. At the very beginning of the Mass, we the faithful recall our sins and place our trust in God's abiding mercy. The Act of Penitence includes the Kyrie Eleison, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." Recognising that we are all sinners, the penitential rite calls us to pause, recall our sins, and ask for God's forgiveness and mercy. More than a time to simply remember our own sinfulness, more importantly it focuses us on remembering that God's love and forgiveness is limitless.

LENT FAITH-SHARING GROUP

Our parish group meets every **Thursday** during Lent in the Newman Room after 10 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to come and explore with fellow parishioners the extent of God's mercy and forgiveness in their own lives. For more information call: 8960 5263.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz night - 22nd April 2016
Race Night - 14th October 2016

FUNERALS

Pasquale Coscia (RIP)

The remains will be brought into the church on Tuesday 16th at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 17th February at 11am.

Kathleen Connor (RIP)

The remains will be brought into the church on Tuesday 23th February at 6pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 24th February at 11am.

Our sympathy and prayers are with their families & friends

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be no Holy Hour on Fridays during Lent but there will be Stations of the Cross instead starting at 6.15pm. Holy Hour will resume after Easter.



CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 19 February

This year CAFOD is working to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.

CAFOD Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Please collect your CAFOD Fast Day envelope from church this week, fast this Friday and give as much as you can in next week's collection. Extra Good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to CAFOD this Lent!

CAFOD
Just one world

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23rd February at 7:30 pm**. If there are any issues or concerns that you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention please put a note through the Presbytery letterbox. We will discuss the matter & report back to you. This is your Parish and your views /concerns matter.

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FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

14 - 21 February

Sat 13th 6pm Verina Nicholas (RIP)
 Sun 14th 9am Rebelo & Antunes families (RIP)
 Sun 14th 11am People of the Parish
 Sun 14th 5pm Cathleen Connors (Int.)

Mon 15th 7pm Jim & Bridgit Mahoney

Tue 16th 10am Thady McGloin (RIP)

Wed 17th 10am Jimmy Collins (RIP)

Thu 18th 10am Patrick Breen (RIP)

Fri 19th 7pm Sadie Seaney (sick)

Sat 20th 10am Tommy & Terry Gormley (A)

Sat 20th 6pm May O'Flynn (A)
 Sun 21st 9am Lily Sharp (RIP)
 Sun 21st 11am Martin & Veronica Bethel (A)
 Sun 21st 5pm People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: Armeda Dayahan
Sacred Heart: Pope Francis
Our Lady: All World Leaders

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.

Faith Matters: Lent 2016. YEAR OF MERCY

Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm. **Dates:** 16th and 23rd Feb, 1st and 8th Mar 2016. 16th Feb: Fr. Bruno Clifton OP: **'Justice... or revenge?'**

Mercy in the Old Testament. 23rd Feb: Fr. David Rocks OP: **Jesus the Jubilee: The Mercy of God in Luke's Gospel.** 1st Mar: Fr. Paul Rowse OP: **Vessels of Mercy: What St Paul thinks of us now.** 8th Mar: Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP: **The Peace of Christ: Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy**

Where: Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. **Booking is required** as places are limited. Register

at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or if you have no access to the Internet call at 020 7931 6078 to leave your details. Suggested donation is £4.50 per talk.

HYMNS FOR 9AM MASS		HYMNS FOR 11AM MASS	
Entrance	200	Entrance	206
Kyrie	Missa Simplex	Kyrie	Missa Simplex
Gospel Acclamation	185	Gospel Acclamation	185
Offertory	604	Offertory	604
Sanctus	Missa Simplex	Sanctus	Missa Simplex
Memorial Acclamation	"	Memorial Acclamation	"
Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex	Our Father	30
Communion	205	Agnus Dei	Missa Simplex
Recessional	315	Communion	202
New members warmly welcomed to join the choir. Practice Monday evenings 8-9 pm		Recessional	315

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Planned Giving: £525.00
 Loose Plate: £652.85
 Many Thanks
 These figures do not include Direct Debits

REFRESHMENTS...

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



FACT OF THE WEEK: VALENTINE was a holy priest and eventually a martyr, who lived nearly 1,700 years ago in pagan Rome. Fr Valentine answered God's call to the priesthood at a time when it wasn't easy to be a Catholic, and it was even more dangerous to be a priest. The Catholic Church was being brutally persecuted by the emperor but Valentine believed that the Christian Faith was the only remedy for the sick and permissive society in which he lived. Especially when it came to teachings about the relationship that should exist between a man and a woman as husband and wife. Polygamy was the norm in pagan Rome. And to make matters worse, the Emperor issued an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the idea that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to their wives or families if they died in battle. Saint Valentine made it his own personal mission to share the Catholic vision of marriage and the graces of the Sacrament with all those who would listen. And he would go one step further; he would secretly marry as many couples as he could. Fr Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies but even while in prison, Father Valentine found ways to carry on his mission. One of the men who was to judge him was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. Saint Valentine prayed with her and healed the young girl with such charity and compassion that Asterius himself became a Christian as a result. Valentine was sentenced to execution all because of his stand for Christian marriage. So what does it REALLY mean to be a "Valentine"? Simply this: that there comes a time when you have to lay your life on the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that.

TRANSFIGURATION EVENTS CONTINUE THIS WEEK- ALL

WELCOME: Lectio Divina on Mondays from 7.40- 8.30pm, Bible studies on Thursdays from 7.20- 8.15pm, Film Nights on Fridays at 7.40pm, Oremus (Prayer Guide) on Saturdays from 2-3pm. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church for further details.

A SECOND LENT FAITH SHARING GROUP IS STARTING ON SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY FROM 3.00-3.45PM IN THE DEMPSEY ROOM

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