

ENTRANCE	94 On Jordan's bank
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Creation
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 Verse said
OFFERTORY	100 Come thou long expected
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	101 Now watch for God's coming
RECESSIONAL	90 When the King shall come a again

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Should you wish to make a Christmas Offering to the Church this year, the envelopes are ready to be taken away from the Porch. Your offering helps to cover the cost of our Priests stipends, we thank you generously for supporting them.

CONFIRMATION 2024

The first meeting for Confirmation candidates and parents will be held on Monday 11 December at 7pm in St Mary Magdalen Church. Important information regarding the course will be shared at this meeting. All those who have registered are required to attend

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please take an A5 leaflet which details our Christmas Mass times, from the Porch of the Church.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December :
 10am Sunday Mass (No 8am Mass)
 11:30am Italian Mass
 5pm Family Mass with Children's Tableau
 11:30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord :
 8am Mass, 10am Mass, 11:30am - Italian
 Tuesday, St Stephen's Day : 12noon Mass

Wednesday 27th December - St John, Apostle & Evangelist : 10am Mass

Thursday 28th December - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs : 10am Mass

Friday 29th December - St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr : 10am Mass

Saturday 30th December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph : 5pm Mass

Sunday, New Years Eve - The Holy Family :
 8am Mass, 10am Mass, 11:30am - Italian Mass

Monday, New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God : 12noon Mass
 Italian Mass at 2 Leigh Gardens at 12noon.

9th December 2023 - 16th December 2023

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 9th	5pm	Patrick Murphy
Sun 10th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Lenny Slevin (8th Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 11th	10am	Jerry Buted RIP
Tues 12th	10am	Anne O'Sullivan (A)
Wed 13th	10am	Anna Keily (Birthday Intentions)
Thur 14th	10am	Elena & Ricardo Landeza RIP
Fri 15th	10am	Thomas & Francis Compton RIP
Sat 16th	5pm	People of the Parish

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Desmond O'Callaghan RIP
Sacred Heart	Lenny Slevin (8th Anniversary)
Our Lady	People of the Parish

DOES YOUR CHILD WISH TO ALTAR SERVE?

If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are now able to altar serve. If you would like to find out more about this or if you wish to sign up, Please do complete a "New Altar Server Application Form", which can be found in the Church porch, and return to the Parish office. We are hoping to arrange an altar servers practice before Christmas, we will be in contact before hand to answer any questions you may have.

DESMOND O'CALLAGHAN RIP

The funeral for the late Mr Desmond O'Callaghan will take place here on Tuesday 19th December at 12noon. Desmond's body will be received into the Church on Monday 18th December at 6pm. Please keep Desmond and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

CARPPOOL REQUEST

We have a new Parishioner who lives on Milman Road, who is unable to attend Mass as they do not drive and they cannot walk the distance. If there is anyone who lives close by, who wouldn't mind collecting the Parishioner for the Mass that you already attend, please do speak to Chelsea.

ADVENT SMALL PRAYER GROUP

Our Small Prayer Group will meet every Thursday after 10am Mass in the Newman Room. Please do come along and join when you can!

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next course will be on Saturday 13th January. To book your place and find out more, please contact Chelsea.

NEW PARISHIONER? Please take a registration form from the porch & return to the Presbytery.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th December 2023

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
Monsignor Roger Reader
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Sunday Masses: (Sat 5pm)
 Sun 8am & 10am
Italian Mass: Sun 11:30am
Weekday Masses: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am
Confession: Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment
Exposition: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

LAST WEEKS OFFERING
 £450.87
NOVEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS
 £3,222.63
CONTACTLESS INCOME NOVEMBER
 £494.70

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!
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I had to turn around this week. It was a bit embarrassing, really. I had had a busy day, and I needed to get somewhere to make a 3.30 appointment. I rushed down the stairs at Willesden Green station, and said a quick prayer of thanks that a train was just coming into the platform. I boarded and found my preferred seat, opened the Ian Rankin crime thriller I am reading at the moment and settled down. So far, so good. I sensed two stops go past, but did not pay much attention. Then I looked up and couldn't work out why I was at Finchley Road when I wanted to be at Wembley Park. Then it dawned on me that I was going the wrong way. Force of habit had made me get on a southbound train, my usual direction of travel, instead of northbound train I needed. I had to turn around.

The gospel today is the first verses of Mark's gospel. It focusses our attention on the enigmatic figure of John the Baptist. This strange man who seemed to attract so many to his message, even though it would hardly seem to be a popular one. At its heart lies the word which repentance and repentance always involves turning round, a change of direction. I think many people find themselves rather shop soiled by life, a little bit worn out; a little bit trapped by routine.

We need to hear John's call of repentance. While children are eagerly awaiting the gifts and excitement of Christmas, adults should use Advent in a different way. Our response to John the Baptist's call should be to look at our lives, and try to get rid of the habitual ways of thinking which take us in the wrong direction, away from God. In the same way as we prepare our homes for a visitor by cleaning, tidying, cooking so we should prepare our hearts to welcome Christ with prayer, confession and renewed joy. We need to make sure that we are travelling towards God: heeding the words of the prophet Isaiah, we need to turn around and travel along the straight highway of God.

Monsignor Roger

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Another busy weekend here at The Transfiguration, we had a wonderful evening yesterday, at our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, eating delicious food and being thoroughly entertained by Gary! Thank you to all those who came out in the cold to join us.

A huge thank you to the Social Committee, the volunteers who helped set up the hall, the caterers and Gary for putting on such a fantastic event.

Yesterday afternoon, we also welcomed Parishioners who came to help decorate our Church Christmas Tree! Thank you for helping us prepare the Parish for Christmas!



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM