

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 10am MASS**

ENTRANCE	99 O Comfort my people
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACC	70
OFFERTORY	101 Now watch for God's coming
MEMORIAL ACC	Sung
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	117 O Come, divine Messiah
RECESSIONAL	880 Tell out my soul

**SUNDAY 8am MASS READERS**

As many of you are aware, we are having an additional Mass on Sundays at 8am from today. If you would like to read at 8am Mass, please contact John Ireland on john@johnireland.me or give Chelsea a call.

**ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

Our Church Christmas Tree will be put up on Saturday 17th December, please do come down from 10am until 12noon to help decorate and eat mince pies!

**BRING CAKES!**

We still need volunteers to bake and bring cakes to the Sunday Mass for our Cake Project at Burkina Fasso, please speak to one of the team to sign up!

**CATECHISTS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Fr Allan is looking for volunteers to join him in teaching the First Holy Communion course, should you wish to volunteer please speak to Fr Allan or Chelsea. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 UPDATE**

An email was sent out this week to all parents and guardians of those registered for the upcoming First Holy Communion Course. Please do ensure you have received this and contact Chelsea in the office if you have not received it.

**OPERA INTEGRA—WINTER CONCERT FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISH**

On Sunday 11th December at 7:30pm, here at The Transfiguration, there will be an evening of winter themed arias, songs, ensembles and carols for all to enjoy! Tickets are £15, these are available on the door or online at www.operaintegra.org.uk Money raised at this concert will be for our Parish, so why not come along and support it!

**MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE**

On Sunday 18th December after Mass, the Cake Project will be selling mince pies and mulled wine. Please join us in getting into the festive spirit!

**CHURCH SHOP** open after 10am Mass on Sundays selling Christmas cards and gifts!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

10th December – 17th December

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 10th	5pm	Austin & Kyle Family
Sun 11th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Lenny Slevin (Anniversary)
Tues 12th	10am	Pat Smyth (1st Anniversary)
Wed 13th	10am	Anthony & Sylvia Roberts RIP
Thur 14th	10am	Mary, Tom & Eileen Prendergast RIP
Fri 15th	10am	Thomas & Francis Compton RIP
Sat 16th	5pm	People of the Parish

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Lenny Slevin (Anniversary)
Sacred Heart	Pat Smyth (1st Anniversary)
Our Lady	People of the Parish

Thank you for your generous contribution during these times. We currently do not have a card machine so for bank transfers, the details are -  
**HSBC Bank: WRCDT Kensal Rise**  
 Sort code: 40-05-20 Account no: 41094882

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER**

is on Saturday 17th December after 5pm Mass. The first batch of invitations have been posted out. If you have received one, please do RSVP asap, so the caterers can prepare for the evening! Thank you.

**FUNERAL NOTICES**

**Virgilio Di Paola RIP**

The funeral of the late Mr Virgilio Di Paola will take place here on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 11am.

**Francis Joseph RIP**

The funeral of the late Francis Joseph will take place here on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 12noon.

**Jeremiah McCarthy RIP**

The funeral of the late Jeremiah 'Jerry' McCarthy will take place here on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 12noon.

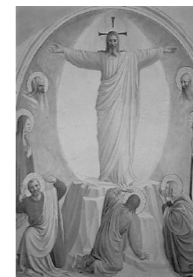
Please keep Virgilio, Francis, Jeremiah and their families in your prayers during this difficult time.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES**

These are now available and they are an opportunity for you to make a special Christmas gift to the church at this time. This money is no longer an offering to the clergy.

If you wish to give them a gift you must do that separately through a card or some other means through the parish letterbox.

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10th / 11th December 2022

**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest  
**Monsignor Roger Reader**  
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Assistant Priest  
**Fr Allan Alvarado Gil**  
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Parish Secretary  
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 Parish office open: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30am - 2:00pm

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

**OCTOBER'S STANDING ORDERS**  
 £3,311.00

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
 £492.47

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

A friend of mine 'phoned me last week with the news that the recent Census has revealed the statistic that 46.2% of people in the United Kingdom define themselves as Christian. 'As many as that!' I replied, only half in jest. Religion, and I think especially Christianity, comes under attack from so many sources these days that I am surprised that any person under the age of 30 has any faith at all. There are people like Richard Dawkins who seek to deny the existence of God. There are fiction writers who seek to demonise the Church. When did you last see a normal Catholic family as part of a drama on television? People with faith are often portrayed as slightly mad, or as criminals.

The statistics from the Census are interesting. It is among white British people that there is the most marked decline in Christianity. Among Black British people 72% are Christian and the non-British White community is 60% Christian\*. This is certainly reflected in the life of the Catholic Church in London. Just look around you at Mass and see the wonderful diversity of our congregations, the faith which is here, and the young people who are still coming to Mass. I think the media would be astonished to see the numbers at Mass in our parishes, and also the diversity of age and background. That will never get reported of course. I don't think we will ever see a Catholic family on EastEnders.

These statistics mean we have work to do. Our sacramental programmes, getting under way in January, should strengthen the faith of our children and young people. But adults also need to be formed in their faith, and I am currently looking into programmes which will help us all deepen our faith in Jesus Christ and in His Church.

May God keep us all strong in our faith!

**Monsignor Roger**

\*Matthew Syed Sunday Times 04/12/22



**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**