

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

ENTRANCE	784 Praise we our God with joy
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	St Anne's Mass
GOSPEL ACC	185 (Verse Said)
OFFERTORY	795 I heard the voice of Jesus say
MEMORIAL ACC	Sung
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	806 The Lord's my Shepherd
RECESSIONAL	966 Walk with me

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES beginning April 2023
 For anyone who contributes towards the Parish via the weekly planned giving envelopes, these are now ready to collect from the Parish office during office hours. If you have any problems collecting during these times, please contact Chelsea who will do her best to get the box to you.

To the very kind person who gave us a cheque for Sant Antonio for the Poor, this cannot be banked, please contact the Parish office.

CAKE SALE

The weekly cake sale after weekend Masses will restart after Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross before Mass on Fridays instead of Benediction during Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

It might be a relative's birthday, wedding, baptism or you just want to thank them for their kindness. What better way to show your appreciation than to have a Mass offered for their intentions? We are also aware that unless we are living Saint's, all of us will need the prayers of our living relatives and especially the Mass offered for the repose of our souls when we die. Therefore, when someone dies, it is our duty to pray for them and to have Mass offered for them. We offer Mass at the time of their death, their anniversary, perhaps on their birthday or other notable dates in their lives. Having Mass offered is a way of showing our love both for the living and the dead. Please book these through the Parish Office.

Easter, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Cards are available from the Parish Office.

Confirmation Class on Mondays 6:30pm—7:30pm	"The Church - A Home for You and Me" on 20th March in Kensal Rise
First Holy Communion Class on Mondays 5:30pm—6:30pm	"Do this in memory of me" on 20th March at SMM School

MASS INTENTIONS

18th March 2023 – 25th March 2023

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 18th	5pm	People of the Parish
Sun 19th	8am	Marie, Sister Flaura, Jerome & Alain RIP
	10am	John Conway (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Tues 21st	10am	Liz Spaldin (Birthday Anniversary)
Wed 22nd	10am	Sean Houlihan RIP
Thur 23rd	10am	Garry Spaldin (Birthday Anniversary)
Fri 24th	10am	Mathew Nicholas (Birthday Anniversary)
Sat 25th	5pm	Vera Dolan (100th Birthday Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	John Conway (Anniversary)
Our Lady	Those struck by events in Syria & Turkey

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

LENT SMALL PRAYER GROUP

The Small Prayer Group meet every Thursday during Lent after 10am Mass. Please do pop up to the Newman Room to take part!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Penitential Service will take place on Monday 3rd April at 7pm, at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue, NW10 2DD.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

Parishioners can pick up a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet at the back of church. Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster.

SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT

Many parishioners have commented that they are not able to hear during Mass. This is because our sound system is over 15 years old and is in desperate need of an update! The Parish has obtained 4 quotes for an entire replacement and the best option will cost the parish in the region of £15k. We have recently installed a new card machine in the Porch of the church as requested by the Diocese. There is an option to make a donation to the Sound System Fund on there should you wish to contribute! Thank you.

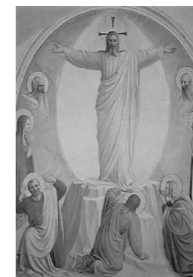
THE TRANSFIGURATION

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19th March 2023

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored (Jn 9:1-41)

Meditation: Do you recognize the light of God's truth and power in your life? God wants to remove every obstacle that might hinder us from recognizing the light of his truth and wisdom for our lives. Saul, the first king of Israel, failed to recognize God's light and power to save him from his enemies. God replaced Saul with David, the youngest of Jesse's eight sons (1 Samuel 16). God saw something in David which Jesse and his other sons did not recognize - a man after God's own heart who delighted in doing what was pleasing to the Lord (1 Samuel 13:14). David was a man of courage and vision who defeated his enemies and united his people. His strength and success came not from himself but from God who anointed him with the power and wisdom of his own Spirit.

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God.

The light of the world

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. While sin can lead to physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Sickness can befall us for a variety of reasons. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, I am the light of the world (John 9:5). In so many words Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness. Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth.

Freedom from spiritual blindness

John Chrysostom, commenting on this passage, remarked: "The Jews (the Pharisees) cast him out of the Temple; the Lord of the Temple found him." If our witness of Jesus and his redeeming work in our lives causes friends or foes to reject us, it nonetheless draws us nearer to the Lord Jesus himself. Paul the Apostle warns us to avoid the darkness of sin that we might walk more clearly in the light of Christ (Ephesians 5:8-12). Do you allow any blind-spots to blur your vision of what God is offering you and asking of you?

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. Isaiah prophesied that the "Suffering Servant" would be bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we would be healed (Isaiah 53:5). The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Augustine of Hippo, in his commentary on this Gospel passage, remarks: "If we reflect on the meaning of this miracle, we will see that the blind man is the human race ...You already know, of course, who the "One Sent" is. Unless he had been sent, none of us would have been freed from sin."

PARISH TEAM

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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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
 £686.62

FEBRUARY'S STANDING ORDERS
 £3,138

FEBRUARY CONTACTLESS INCOME
 £565.95

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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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

Fr Allan Alvarado