

ENTRANCE	841 Diverse in culture
KYRIE, SANCTUS, & AGNUS DEI	Missa Simplex
GOSPEL ACC	185 (verse said)
OFFERTORY	606 Upon thy table
MEMORIAL ACC	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	898 Make me a channel of your peace
RECESSIONAL	869 Lord of Creation, to you all be praise

**PARISH PHONE LINE IS CURRENTLY NOT IN USE**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at 9:15am replacing Adoration.

**COUNTERS:** Please take a Counters notice from the Notice Board, there is 1 per group, **please complete and return through the Presbytery door. Thank you.**

**LENTEN ALMS - CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL**  
Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

**SMALL PRAYERS GROUP:** Please join us, the Small Prayer Group every week during Lent after the 10am Mass in the Newman Room!

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** for the Emergency Appeal for Ukraine. The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** can be collected on the weekend of the 19th/20th March and the 2nd/3rd April 2022 in the porch of the Church.

26th March 2022 – 2nd April 2022

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 26th	5pm	The deceased members of the Kostopoulos family
Sun 27th	10am	People of the Parish
Mon 28th		NO MASS
Tues 29th	6pm	Matthew Nicholas (Birthday Anniversary)
Wed 30th	10am	Maisie Carthy (Anniversary)
Thur 31st	10am	Catherine Whelan (5th Anniversary)
Fri 1st	10am	Rekindling of love between an estranged couple
Sat 2nd	5pm	Marie Herlihy (1st Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Peace in Ukraine
Sacred Heart	Mary Teahan (22nd A)
Our Lady	People of the Parish

**FR KEVIN McDEVITT (RIP)**

Fr Kevin became the Parish Priest in 1997.

Fr Kevin helped many people, not only parishioners but those who came to his door anytime of the day or night. Most of the men and women he helped were homeless, destitute or marginalised.

Fr Kevin was a big man, loud, kind, prayerful all in a big way. The parish was flourishing under his leadership and in 2003 he was appointed to be the Parish Priest of St Gabriel's in Holloway.

He retired from the Diocese of Westminster back to Ireland in 2014 where he assisted in Blackwater, Co. Wexford until he went to live in Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath, in a house built for him in the grounds of his sister's home. He was always happy to be in Ireland Fr Kevin died on 20th March and his funeral took place on 22nd March.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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

# THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE



Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3HT

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**PARISH TEAM**

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**Sunday Masses:** (Sat 5pm)  
 Sun 10am  
**Italian Mass:** Sun 11:30am  
**Weekday Masses:**  
 Tues 6pm,  
 Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am  
**Confession:** Sat 4pm before Mass, **Exposition:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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**STANDING ORDERS**  
**LAST MONTH**  
 £3,268

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**  
 £415.41

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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26th/27th March 2022

**The prodigal Son**

*The merciful Father who welcome home his lost son*

Jesus illustrates this Passover from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ with the longest parable recorded in the Gospels (Luke 15:11-32). What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant loving father? Is it the contrast between a grudging obedient son and a rebellious son who had wished his father was dead? Or the warm reception given to a spendthrift son and the cold reception given by the eldest son?

Jesus does contrast the eldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's warm embrace and lavish homecoming party for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him.

His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of every person who returns to God.

*Forgiven and restored to new life*

The prodigal could not return to the garden of innocence, but he was welcomed and reinstated as a son who had been missed much and greatly loved by his father. The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead which Jesus makes possible to everyone who believes in him, a rebirth to new life from death. The parable also contrasts mercy and its opposite - unforgiveness. The father, who had been wronged, was forgiving. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving. His unforgiveness turns into spiteful pride and contempt for his brother. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners.

*God's mercy and kindness knows no bounds*

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father?

**Parish Diary**

Monday 28th March	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Confirmation— Session 10 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Monday 28th March	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 10 in St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School

**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*