

ENTRANCE	243 Into one we all are gathered
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACC	543
OFFERTORY	924 Brother, sister, let me serve you
MEMORIAL ACC	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	882 A touching place
RECESSIONAL	344 Sing we of the blessed Mother

ALICE SHEEHAN RIP

The funeral for the late Alice Sheehan will take place here on Tuesday 31st October at 11am. Please keep Alice and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

APPEAL FOR OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are seeking an accountant to join our fantastic Finance Committee who meet 4 times a year. Please speak to Monsignor Roger or Fr Allan if you can help your Parish.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The deadline to hand the application forms back in to the Parish Office is 4th November 2023. These can be obtained by the Priest celebrating Mass this weekend.

Once the forms have been processed, you are likely to hear about the first meeting date via email. Please do not worry if you do not hear anything straight away, as the courses will be finalised once the application forms have been processed.

28th October 2023 – 4th November 2023

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 28th	5pm	Rekindling of love between an estranged couple
Sun 29th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Elizabeth Sipp (Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 30th	10am	Elizabeth Sipp (Anniversary)
Tues 31st	10am	Chaouki Serhal (Birthday Intentions)
	11am	Funeral of the late Alice Sheehan
Wed 1st	10am	Holy Souls
	7pm	Holy Souls
Thur 2nd	10am	Preselinda Ireland (Birthday Anniversary)
	7pm	Holy Souls
Fri 3rd	10am	Hannah Serhal (Birthday Intentions)
Sat 4th	5pm	Holy Souls
Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp		Fr Dempsey (Anniversary)
Sacred Heart		Those past & present, affected by war
Our Lady		Holy Souls

HOLY SOULS

Wednesday 1st November, All Saints Day, is a day of Holy Obligation. Therefore, there will be two Masses, one at 10am and one at 7pm. There are also two Masses on All Souls Day, Thursday 2nd November, at 10am and 7pm.

LEGION OF MARY GROUP

Our Legion of Mary group meet weekly on Wednesdays after 10am Mass, (10:30am) in the Newman Room. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. Please feel free to attend a meeting to find out more.

MASS INTENTIONS DIARY UPDATE

The Mass Intentions for 2023 are now full.

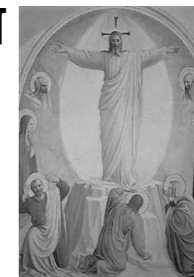
Due to a funeral taking place here on Tuesday 31st October, the 2024 diary will now be opening for bookings from Wednesday 1st November 2023 after 10am Mass in the Parish Office..

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from until Tuesday 31st October. If you have an urgent enquiry, please call Fr Allan Alvarado Gil on 0204 542 3716 or email allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk The office email will not be monitored during this time. Please continue to return the Communion and Confirmation application forms through the Presbytery letterbox. These will be processed before the deadline date.

THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE

Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3HT



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th October 2023

The commandments of love (Mt 22:34-40)

PARISH TEAM

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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: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am

Confession: Sat 4pm before Mass or by appointment
Exposition: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before Mass

LAST WEEKS OFFERING
to be announced next week

SEPTEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS
£3,092.50
CONTACTLESS INCOME
£479.46

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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Meditation: What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the Law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

God's love rules all

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbour as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

God puts us first in his thoughts

God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8, 16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns - do we put him first in our thoughts? God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbour is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will. God commands us to love him first above all else - his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him. He wants us to love him personally, wholeheartedly, and without any reservation or compromise.

The nature of love - giving to others for their sake

What is the nature of love? Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centred and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. It is a stunted and disordered love which leads to many hurtful and sinful desires - such as jealousy, greed, envy, and lust. The root of all sin is disordered love and pride which is fundamentally putting myself above God and my neighbour - it is loving and serving self rather than God and neighbour. True love, which is wholly directed and oriented to what is good rather than evil, is rooted in God's truth and righteousness (moral goodness).

Love grows with faith and hope

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Paul the Apostle writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh [sinful inclinations], but through love be servants of one another" (Galatians 5:1,13). Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

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