

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 10am MASS

WILL BE ANNOUNCED

DURING THE MASS.

MASS INTENTIONS

1st January – 8th January

(Mass intentions affected by the Mass changes have been moved to the next available date.)

| Date | Time | Intention |
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| Sat 1st | 5pm | Michael Fallon (Anniversary) |
| Sun 2nd | 10am | Peter Clarke (Anniversary) |
| Mon 3rd | | NO MASS |
| Tues 4th | 6pm | Fr William Dempsey (Anniversary) |
| Wed 5th | 10am | Eladia Clearey RIP |
| Thur 6th | 10am | Private Intentions of C. Kostopoulos |
| Fri 7th | 10am | Irene & Joseph Charles RIP |
| Sat 8th | 5pm | Geoffrey Cook (Anniversary) |

DANNY HICKEY RIP

Late of Liddle Gardens, moved to Ruislip about a year ago. A well cherished member of our Parish community. Please keep him in your prayers.

PAT SMYTH RIP

The funeral for the late Pat Smyth will take place here on 11th January at 12noon. Please keep Pat's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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| Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp | Vera Dolan RIP |
| Sacred Heart | Danny Hickey RIP |
| Our Lady | Pat Smyth RIP |

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

NOTICES

INDUCTION MASS

Monsignor Roger Reader will be inducted as Parish Priest by Bishop John Sherrington on Saturday 15th January 2022 at 5pm. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate!

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will no longer be given along the altar rails. Instead, two lines will be formed down the centre of the church up to the altar where you will stand to receive Communion and then walk around the sides of the church back to your pew.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

For those of you who are applying for Primary schools and require a certificate of catholic practice, please contact Chelsea to book an appointment on Monday 17th January 2022 from 11am.

MASS INTENTIONS

The diary for 2022 is now open, contact Chelsea to book.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT : LOOKING FOR NEW PARISH TEAMS!

We are seeking people to join a number of roles within the Parish. No experience needed, full training provided, if you would like to help your Parish, please speak to one of our priests or Chelsea in the office. The roles available are: Finance Committee Members, Safeguarding Representative, Counters.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

For those who have registered, the first meeting for parents and Holy Communion children will take place on Monday 17th January 2022 at 5:30pm at St Mary Magdalen School, Linacre Rd, London NW2 5BB

VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD

CAFOD is currently looking for volunteers in your parish, with good public speaking skills, who want to help us tackle poverty and injustice. Full training will be provided, no previous experience is necessary. For further details, call Tony Sheen on 020 8449 6970 or email: tsheen@cafod.org.uk.

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
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Parish office open: Mondays,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays &
Thursdays 9:30am - 2:00pm

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

**STANDING ORDERS
LAST MONTH**

£3,552

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
£438.60

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1st/2nd January 2021

“Verbum caro factum est” – “The Word became flesh” (Jn 1:14).

Dear brothers and sisters, I joyfully proclaim the message of Christmas: God became man; he came to dwell among us. God is not distant: he is “Emmanuel”, God-with-us. He is no stranger: he has a face, the face of Jesus.

This message is ever new, ever surprising, for it surpasses even our most daring hope. First of all, because it is not merely a proclamation: it is an event, a happening, which credible witnesses saw, heard and touched in the person of Jesus of Nazareth! Being in his presence, observing his works and hearing his words, they recognized in Jesus the Messiah; and seeing him risen, after his crucifixion, they were certain that he was true man and true God, the only-begotten Son come from the Father, full of grace and truth (cf. Jn 1:14).

“The Word became flesh”. Before this revelation we once more wonder: how can this be? The Word and the flesh are mutually opposed realities; how can the eternal and almighty Word become a frail and mortal man? There is only one answer: Love. Those who love desire to share with the beloved, they want to be one with the beloved, and Sacred Scripture shows us the great love story of God for his people which culminated in Jesus Christ.

“The Word became flesh”. The light of this truth is revealed to those who receive it in faith, for it is a mystery of love. The Incarnation of the Son of God is an event which occurred within history, while at the same time transcending history. In the night of the world a new light was kindled, one which lets itself be seen by the simple eyes of faith, by the meek and humble hearts of those who await the Saviour. If the truth were a mere mathematical formula, in some sense it would impose itself by its own power. But if Truth is Love, it calls for faith, for the “yes” of our hearts.

And what do our hearts, in effect, seek, if not a Truth which is also Love? Children seek it with their questions, so disarming and stimulating; young people seek it in their eagerness to discover the deepest meaning of their life; adults seek it in order to guide and sustain their commitments in the family and the workplace; the elderly seek it in order to grant completion to their earthly existence.

“The Word became flesh”. The proclamation of Christmas is also a light for all peoples, for the collective journey of humanity. “Emmanuel”, God-with-us, has come as King of justice and peace. We know that his Kingdom is not of this world, and yet it is more important than all the kingdoms of this world. It is like the leaven of humanity: were it lacking, the energy to work for true development would flag; the impulse to work together for the common good, in the disinterested service of our neighbour, in the peaceful struggle for justice. Belief in the God who desired to share in our history constantly encourages us in our own commitment to that history, for all its contradictions. It is a source of hope for everyone whose dignity is offended and violated, since the one born in Bethlehem came to set every man and woman free from the source of all enslavement.

Dear brothers and sisters, “the Word became flesh”; he came to dwell among us; he is Emmanuel, the God who became close to us. Together let us contemplate this great mystery of love; let our hearts be filled with the light which shines in the stable of Bethlehem! (Pope Benedict XVI)

Fr Allan