

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

ENTRANCE	284 We walk by faith
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACC	539 (Verse Said)
OFFERTORY	602 Almighty Father, Lord most high
MEMORIAL ACC	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	804 The King of love my Shepherd is
RECESSIONAL	853 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

SMALL PRAYER GROUP

The Small Prayer Group will resume on the first Thursday in May and continue every week after Mass until Advent. Please join in by going to the Newman Room after Mass.

PLANNED GIVING BOX NO.1

Can the person who took the envelopes box no.1 please register their details with the Parish office. Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Next Social Committee Meeting: Wednesday 3rd May 7pm

Family Bingo: Friday 19th May, doors 7pm, games 7:30pm

Bingo Books will be on sale after Saturday and Sunday Masses

Ideally we would like the Bingo Books to be paid for in Cash to help us get together the prize money, but if you would like to pay by card, please use the Dona machine after registering with a volunteer, there will be an additional £1 charge for this due to the fees the Church pays on card transactions.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

29th April 2023 – 6th May 2023

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 29th	5pm	Catarina Moraes (Birthday Intentions)
Sun 30th	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Catarina Moraes (Thanksgiving)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Tues 2nd	10am	Jodie Wicks RIP
Wed 3rd	10am	Peggy Egan RIP
Thur 4th	10am	Adrianno Alessandrini RIP
Fri 5th	10am	Robert Santos (Anniversary)
Sat 6th	5pm	Shirley Smyth (Anniversary)
Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp		Anosa Naom RIP
Sacred Heart		Martha Cecilia Redondo (1st Anniversary)
Our Lady		Jodie Wicks RIP

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES beginning April 2023

For anyone who contributes towards the Parish via the weekly planned giving envelopes, these are ready to collect from the Sacristy after Mass. Please speak to Fr Allan or Monsignor Roger. If you have any problems picking up your box, please contact Chelsea who will find a way to get the box to you.

VOCATIONS

On Wednesday 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre for a short presentation and informal conversations and refreshments. Do come and join us if you can. The nearest tube stations are Bond Street and Baker Street.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and our 2nd collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 are from our own Diocese, as well as 2 men studying in Rome and 2 in Valladolid. Last year 5 men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmation	<u>15th May Confirmation Rehearsal</u> at SMM Church 6:30pm <u>16th May Confirmation Rehearsal</u> at Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX at 6pm
First Holy Communion for Kensal Rise	<u>12th May Communion Rehearsal</u> at 5:30pm <u>13th May First Holy Communion Mass</u> at 12noon

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30th April 2023

I am the gate of the sheepfold (Jn 10:1-10)

Meditation: Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25).

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the door through which the sheep had to pass.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

Jesus willingly laid down his life for us - the sheep he ransomed with his own blood

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) writes: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform ourselves. The first duty laid on us is to use our material goods in mercy for the needs of his sheep, and then, if necessary, give even our lives for them. He that will not give of his substance for his sheep, how shall he lay down his life for them?" (Tr. 46 in John). Do you look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence.

Fr Allan

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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

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING
£496.52

MARCH'S STANDING ORDERS
£3,108

MARCH CONTACTLESS INCOME
£409.59

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

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