

ENTRANCE	156 Joy to the World
KYRIE, GLORIA, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Mass of Christ the Saviour
GOSPEL ACCL.	535 (Verse said)
OFFERTORY	145 What child is this
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	341 Sing of Mary
RECESSIONAL	772 Lord Jesus Christ

THANK YOU

Monsignor Roger, Fr Allan, Fr Natalino and Chelsea would like to extend their gratitude to all who kindly gave them Christmas cards and gifts. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next course will be on Saturday 13th January. To book your place and find out more, please contact Chelsea.

FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

On Thursday 18th January at 7pm, St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green, will be holding a Deanery Fire Warden Training session. We need as many fire wardens as possible for the Church, in the hope that we always have one or two present at any Mass. Should you wish to volunteer for this role, please speak to Fr Allan or Chelsea.

NEW PARISHIONER?

Please take a registration form from the porch & return to the Presbytery.

OUR CHARITY COLLECTIONS FOR 2023

- Holy Places: £494.30
- Sick & Retired Priests: £598.90
- Royal British Legion: £134.02
- Priests Training Fund: £460.56
- CAFOD: £947.00

Thank you for your generosity this year!



30th December 2023 - 6th January 2024

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 30th	5pm	Pat & Shirley Smyth RIP
Sun 31st	8am	Fr Allan's Intentions
	10am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 1st	12noon	Rose Esprit (Intentions)
Tues 2nd	10am	Teresa Barun RIP
Wed 3rd	10am	Domingos Rebelo
Thur 4th	10am	Chelsea (Birthday Intentions)
Fri 5th	10am	Laurence Quigley & Family
Sat 6th	5pm	Thomas McCutcheon (Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	People of the Parish
Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
Our Lady	Monsignor Roger & Fr Allan's Intentions



New Year's Mass Times

Saturday 30th December - The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph : 5pm Mass

Sunday, New Years Eve - The Holy Family :

8am Mass, 10am Mass, 11:30am - Italian Mass

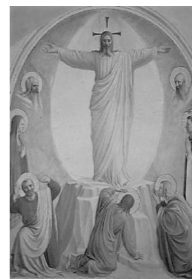
Monday, New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God : 12noon Mass

Italian Mass at 2 Leigh Gardens at 12noon.



THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE



Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3HT

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

31st December 2023

My eyes have seen your salvation (Lk 2:22-40)

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest
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Parish office open: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 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
£333.37

NOVEMBER'S STANDING ORDERS
£3,222.63

CONTACTLESS INCOME NOVEMBER
£494.70

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish!

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Meditation: Do you know the favour of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfils the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favour is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Saviour of the world

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfilment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

Mary receives both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fuelled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?

Our hope is anchored in God's everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way. Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honour, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE PARISH WHO ARE SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOBODY ELSE TO PRAY FOR THEM