

ENTRANCE	82 Lord Emmanuel Come
KYRIE, SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI	Missa de Angelis
GOSPEL ACCL.	70 Verse said
OFFERTORY	87 Creator of the stars
MEMORIAL ACCL.	Missa Simplex
OUR FATHER	Said
COMMUNION	982 O Jesus Christ remember
RECESSIONAL	801 Love divine all loves excelling

CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE - PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

For those of you applying for a Primary School soon, we will be holding two days for Fr Allan to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice.

Saturday 9th December from 11:20am until 12noon and Monday 11th December from 5:10pm until 6pm.

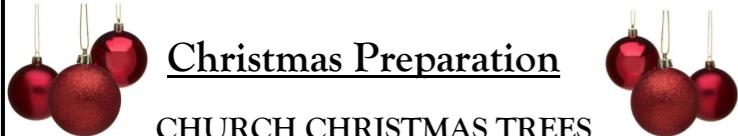
Should you wish to book in for a time slot, which will be every 10 minutes, please email or call Chelsea, providing her with your child's full name, date of birth and full address, along with how many certificates you require. Certificates will be prepared in advance. Thank you.

RCIA- Adult Reception into the church and Confirmation

If you are an adult who is not Catholic or who has not made their confirmation and would like to be prepared for the sacraments in the RCIA process, please contact Fr Allan.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

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



Christmas Preparation

CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREES

We will be receiving our Church Christmas Trees from Kensal Pines on Saturday 9th December. Please do come along at 1pm for mince pies, and to help decorate the trees.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER TREE

Please take home a bauble from the porch of the church, let your children colour it in, even get the glitter out! and write the names of those they want to pray for this Christmas on the back. Please bring the bauble back to Church on the second weekend of Advent (9th and 10th December) to hang it on the Christmas Tree outside the front of the Church.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Should you wish to make a Christmas Offering to the Church this year, the envelopes are ready to be taken away from the Porch. Your offering helps to cover the cost of our Priests stipends, we thank you generously for supporting them.

2nd December 2023 - 9th December 2023

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 2nd	5pm	Fr Sean Thornton (Birthday Intentions)
Sun 3rd	8am	People of the Parish
	10am	Vera Dolan (2nd Anniversary)
	11:30am	Italian Mass
Mon 4th	10am	Felix Landeza RIP
Tues 5th	10am	Imogen Williams (Birthday Intentions)
Wed 6th	10am	Anthony & Sylvia Roberts RIP
Thur 7th	10am	Digna Bristan Morales (4th Anniversary)
Fri 8th	10am	Eileen, Patrick & Angela Thomas (Anniversary)
Sat 9th	5pm	Patrick Murphy (Birthday Anniversary)

Main Altar Sanctuary Lamp	Bernadette Doyle (Birthday Intentions)
Sacred Heart	Mable Lawrence (6th Anniversary)
Our Lady	Digna Bristan Morales (4th Anniversary)

CAR PARK ACCESS - Monday 4th December 2023

There will be no access to or from the car park between 9:15am and 9:45am. Please be assured that you will be able to access the car park just after 9:45am and make it for 10am Mass

DOES YOUR CHILD WISH TO ALTAR SERVE?

If your child has made their First Holy Communion, they are now able to altar serve. If you would like to find out more about this or if you wish to sign up, Please do complete a "New Altar Server Application Form", which can be found in the Church porch, and return to the Parish office. We are hoping to arrange an altar servers practice before Christmas, we will be in contact before hand to answer any questions you may have.

DESMOND O'CALLAGHAN RIP

The funeral for the late Mr Desmond O'Callaghan will take place here on Tuesday 19th December at 12noon. Desmond's body will be received into the Church on Monday 18th December at 6pm. Please keep Desmond and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

CARPOOL REQUEST

We have a new Parishioner who lives on Milman Road, who is unable to attend Mass as they do not drive and they cannot walk the distance. If there is anyone who lives close by, who wouldn't mind collecting the Parishioner for the Mass that you already attend, please do speak to Chelsea.

ADVENT SMALL PRAYER GROUP

Our Small Prayer Group will meet every Thursday after 10am Mass in the Newman Room, starting on 7th December. Please do come along and join when you can!

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KENSAL RISE

Chamberlayne Road, NW10 3HT



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd December 2023

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep (Mk 13:33-37)

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

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Fr Natalino Mignolli

Parish Secretary

Chelsea Bottomley

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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

£387.48

OCTOBER'S STANDING ORDERS

£3,582.50

CONTACTLESS INCOME OCTOBER

£538.88

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Meditation: What do you do when someone you love very dearly and miss very much has been gone a very long time but promises to return soon? Do you ignore their absence, or do you anticipate their return and send them messages to let them know how much you long to be with them again? Jesus' parable about the long-expected return of the Master to his household brings this point home.

Watching with hopeful expectation and vigilance for Christ's return

When we expect some very important event to happen, we often wait for it with excited anticipation. The Lord Jesus expects us to watch in great anticipation for the most important event of all - his return in glory at the end of this present age! The Old Testament prophets foretold the coming of the Lord when he shall judge between the nations and decide for many peoples (Isaiah 2:5).

The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begin with the first coming of Christ (when the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us - John 1:14) and it culminates in Christ's second coming on the Day of Judgment and vindication for his people. Jesus spoke of his return in glory at the close of the ages as an indisputable fact and predetermined act which he will perform as the Judge and Ruler of all peoples, nations, and individuals who ever lived on the earth.

"May your kingdom come!"

While the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is for certain, the time of his appearance is not yet disclosed. The Lord's day of visitation and judgment will come swiftly and unexpectedly. Jesus warns his listeners to not be caught off guard when that day arrives. It will surely come in God's good time! The Lord invites us to pray for the coming of his kingdom into our present lives and future as well. Jesus taught his disciples to pray - "may your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Do you earnestly pray for the coming of God's kingdom - both now and at the end of the world?

How do we watch and wait for the Lord's coming?

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch for Christ, but to watch with Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for his visitation - he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.



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

Fr Allan