

THE TRANSFIGURATION, KENSAL RISE**Sunday Masses:** (Sat 6pm) Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm Italian: 12.30pm**Holydays:** 10am & 7pm **Holy Hour:** Fri 6pm**Weekday Masses:** Mon & Fri 7pm Tues, Wed, Thu & Sat 10am**Confession:** Sat 10.30-11.15am & 5-5.45pm and on request**33rd Sunday****19th November 2017****NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned two weeks ago, and as I mentioned several months ago at the Sunday 5pm Mass, it has been on my mind that we have too many Masses for the number in our congregation. Kensal Rise has changed quite dramatically over the last decade or so, the social make up is now very different to what it was when I moved to the Parish 14 years ago. Whole communities who once made up the majority of this Parish are no longer here, as house prices have increased people have sold up and moved away, and as rents have gone up, numerous families have come to say goodbye to me as they are no longer able to afford the large rent increases. Our last Mass count was 560. That number of parishioners can easily be accommodated at the Saturday 6pm, and the Sunday 9 and 11am Mass. There is also a Mass in Italian at 12noon. We do not live in a rural area and there are parishes very close by which will continue to have a Sunday evening Mass. For instance, St Mary Magdalen's which is over twice the size of this Parish, has a 6:30pm Mass on Sunday. I did ask for some feedback on my thoughts and I received one anonymous letter saying its lovely to have such a choice of Masses and how important the offering of Mass is. However, we need to look not at what is convenient, but what is practical, and we need to be thinking of the future. Therefore, the last Sunday evening Mass will be on Sunday 31st December. I am so grateful to the large positive response to this necessary change and to the support of the Parish Council.

God bless you, Fr Sean.

Holy Souls—November Dead List

November is the time the Church sets aside every year to pray for the Holy Souls. I find this month a time of great consolation for it reminds us that our love and relationships with our family and friends does not end with death; as members of the Church that relationship continues and in fact we can help the souls of our loved ones through the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass. There will be four Masses said each week during November for the names on our November Dead List. If you would like your deceased loved ones and friends remembered in these Masses, please put their names in a November Dead List envelope and return it to the church or the Presbytery.

Drinks Party For New Parishioners

If you have arrived in the Parish in the last year—18 months, I would like to invite you for a glass of wine after the 11am Mass on Sunday 19th November in the Newman Room. It is a great way for me to meet you in an informal way and for you to meet some of our key Parishioners.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Warmly Invite You...

Ten members of our Parish have kindly been invited to this year's Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea Dance, which takes place on Friday 8th December between 4pm and 6pm. If you require transport please also let me know. I will be submitting names to the Vaughan on Monday 20th so please let me know by then, either by email, or by phone.

The Catholic Diary for 2018 is now in stock in the Repository

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FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS
18th November- 25th November

Feast	Date	Time	Intention
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul	Sat 18th	6pm	Iris Gardner (A)
33RD SUNDAY	Sun 19th	9am	People of the Parish
		11am	November Dead List
		5pm	Fr Sean's Intentions
Feria	Mon 20th	7pm	Bridget Clear (RIP)
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tues 21st	10am	November Dead List
St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Wed 22nd	10am	Daniel Long (A)
St Clement I, Pope & Martyr	Thurs 23rd	10am	Jimmy Collins (A)
St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest	Fri 24th	7pm	November Dead List
St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr	Sat 25th	10am	Sister Jacinta Cullinan (Ints)
		6pm	Ernesto Ratti (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP AND SIDE ALTAR LAMPS

Main Altar: O'Shea Family Intentions
Sacred Heart: November Dead List
Our Lady: Harry Howse (Get Well)

HYMNS

9am Mass

11am Mass

Entrance 407	Entrance 959
Kyrie German Mass	Kyrie Heritage Mass
Gloria German Mass	Responsorial Psalm Heritage Mass
Gospel Accl 536	Gospel Accl 539
Offertory 896	Offertory 606
Sanctus German Mass	Sanctus Heritage Mass
Memorial Accl Sung	Memorial Accl Sung
Agnus Dei German Mass	Our Father 587
Communion 658	Agnus Dei Heritage Mass
Recessional 982	Communion 647
	Recessional 869

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

Counters Meeting

Post audit, it would be a good opportunity to give counters the feedback we received, at a meeting which we have scheduled for Monday 20th November at 10am. Please could at least one counter from each group attend. Thank you.

Holy Communion 2018

The next meeting for Holy Communion children will be on 2nd December at 12noon.

Confirmation 2018

The first Confirmation class will be on Saturday 2nd December between 4-6pm, in the Newman Room. Parents and candidates MUST attend.

Small Groups

Please join us for the next three Thursdays after the 10am Mass, in the Newman Room.

Aladdin at the Pantomime

We have a booking of 30 tickets for Aladdin at the Richmond Theatre for the 1 o'clock matinee on 4th January 2018, for £15 each. Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church and put money in a labelled envelope through the Presbytery door if you would like to join us.

50/50 Returns For Christmas

The social committee will be selling the envelopes on the weekend of 25th & 26th November, and Fr Sean will be picking out prize winners on 17th December. Good luck!

Standing Orders for October

Parishioners Standing Orders came to a total of £2,301 in the month of October.
Thank you for your contribution

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate – £520.69
Envelopes - £395.50
Thank you for your contribution

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