

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS

Kensal New Town



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 5TH MAY 2024



MASSES & SERVICES

Sunday 5 Sat 6.00 pm Vigil	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Celine McMahon (INT)	Thursday 9 9:30 am 7:00 pm	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD St Mary's Whole School Mass Solemnity of Ascension
9:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	Mary Stangroom (ANV) People of the Parish Divine Mercy prayers	Friday 10 9:30 am	Easter Feria Mass
Monday 6	Easter Feria No Mass	Saturday 11 6.00 pm Vigil	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER All our Parish Volunteers
Tuesday 7 9:30 am	Easter Feria Amelia Gomes, Agostinho Gomes and Joao's grandparents	Sunday 12 9.00 am 11.00 am 4:00 pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER People of the Parish Sr Angela (INT) Filipino Mass (*There will be Novena Prayer to Our Lady after every mass till 5/5.)
Wednesday 8 9.30 am	Easter Feria Tina Jacobs (INT)		

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Every Saturday 5-6 pm in the church before Mass and during Confessions

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ CONFESSIONS, Saturday 5.15pm—5.45pm or by appointment (call 020 3376 4133)

BAPTISMS By appointment. Please see the website for more information, or speak to the Parish Priest. Adults wishing to enquire about the Catholic Faith should speak to the Parish Priest. (For some local Catholic Secondary schools, it is a requirement that your child is baptised within 6 months of birth.)

WEDDINGS For those couples wishing to get married here or elsewhere, it is important that you notify Fr Damian at least 6 months before your wedding date.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK – On request. If you are admitted to Hospital, please indicate that your details are to be passed to the R.C. Chaplain and that you would like the R.C. Chaplain to visit. If any one is in danger of death please call Fr Damian on 020 3376 4134.

To book a Mass or Lamp Intention, please contact the Parish Office

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp: For all our Parish Volunteers

The Lamp by the Shrine of Our Lady: People of the Parish

The Lamp by the Sacred Heart: The Sick & Housebound

Please pray for the sick.

Please pray for all those who have recently died: Richard Moylan

Presbytery: 68 Hazlewood Crescent, London, W10 5DJ. Tel: 020 3376 4133

Parish Office Hours: Tue-Fri 10:00—12:30

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Parish Sister: Sister Margarita Cunningham

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SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING

Takes place on the **first Sunday of each month**. The next Coffee morning will take place on **5th May after the 9 am and 11 am Masses**. Donation collected during Coffee Morning will be used to cover the cost. Everyone is welcome!

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

There will be Divine Mercy prayers every 1st Sunday of the month from **12.30-2pm**. The next one will be on **Sunday 5th May**. Contact Celine Green for more information.

FILIPINO MASS

Filipino Mass will be held at 4pm every 2nd Sunday of the month. The next one will be at **4:00pm on 12th May**.

SOLEMNITY OF ASCENSION ON 9TH MAY THURSDAY

There will be a mass at **7pm on Thursday 9th May** to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and it is one of the Holy Days of Obligation.

PENTECOST PARTY

As a sign of how the Holy Spirit united people from every country and language at Pentecost, there will be a **Pentecost Party after the 11 am Mass in the Hall on Sunday 19th May**, with teas, coffees, and food. You are invited to bring some finger food from your home country - with a flag or label. Just bring it to the hall before Mass, and place them on the tables provided. All are welcome!

TREASURE WHAT IS NEW AND OLD (MT 13:52)

- 11 AM MASS MUSIC

In 2013, the total numbers of people coming to weekly Masses were 600. In 2024, numbers have declined to about 261. We've **lost over 300 people in 11 years!** According to Pope Benedict XVI and the then Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Francis), one of the many reasons people stop coming to Mass and practicing their Catholic faith is because they experience their Catholic faith as lacking sufficient relevance for their lives (Aparecida Document, Paragraph 225).

In Mt 13:52, Jesus said ***"Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."*** I believe now is the time to introduce music that may be of more relevance for many who come to already come to Mass and for those who we are commanded by Jesus to reach (Mt. 28:19).

From **Pentecost Sunday (19th May)**, we will phase in a more contemporary style of recorded music at the **11 am Mass**. This Mass was chosen because it is the family Mass, where more young people are likely to attend with their family. The hymns/songs may be traditional, or they may be more modern, but the style will be more contemporary. The plan is to phase this in with **two Sundays** of the more contemporary

style in **June** and **two Sundays in July**. From **August onwards each 11am Sunday mass** will be exclusively a contemporary style. At our 9 am Sunday Mass, the plan is to have more traditional hymns and Mass settings, and ideally with organ accompaniment hopefully in time. The Saturday 6 pm Mass will have simple sung Mass settings, and no hymns, maybe with musical accompaniment in time too.

LITURGY TECH VOLUNTEERS

The recorded music at the 11 am Mass will have the words projected onto the back wall of the church. We need a team of people who are both **tech and liturgically savvy** to operate a laptop to change the projected words, and the music. Please, **contact Dennis Estrella** (starlibra0_3@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

MUSIC REHEARSAL FOR CONTEMPORARY 11 AM MASSES

To prepare for the new recorded contemporary (modern) music style at the 11 am Masses, we will have a **singing rehearsal at 12:30-1:30 pm Sunday 26th May** in the church. All are welcome. Just turn up!

MAY NOVENA TO OUR LADY

There will be a nine-day Novena prayer to Our Lady, every day, from **Saturday 27th April to Sunday 5th May**, after every Mass (including Monday 29th April). It will culminate after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 5th May. All are welcome.

PENTECOST NOVENA

There will be a nine-day Novena prayer to the Holy Spirit, in preparation for Pentecost. It will be after every Mass from **Friday 10th May until the day of Pentecost Sunday 19th May**. 'Come, Holy Spirit!'

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

All altar servers are invited to an altar server training session on **Saturday 8th June 10am-1pm** in the church hall. There will be games, altar server training, Mass, and lunch. This is also open to anyone who has received their 1st Holy Communion and wants to try serving - no long-term commitment necessary. Please, sign up on the notice board confirming your attendance **by Friday 31st May**.

SAVE THE DATE 21ST JULY 2024 11AM MASS

Our very own Sr Angela and Sr Margarita will be celebrating 60 years missionary service to our parish this year. What an amazing achievement! A special mass and a gathering after mass will be held 11am 21st July 2024. More info to follow.

PLANNED GIVING

The planned Giving box of **envelopes for the 24/25 year** is now available. You can collect your planned giving envelopes at the back of church **after the Masses on 27th and 28th April and 4th and 5th May**. Otherwise, the boxes can be collected from the parish office Tue-Fri 10-12:30.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER: Please make sure that any items you wish to be included in the weekly Newsletter are with the Parish Office by 10.30am on Fridays

JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE: For more details, go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donations, please contact the office or visit the parish website.