

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SOULS

Kensal New Town



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14TH DECEMBER 2025

Gaudete Sunday: Pause for Joy



MASSES & SERVICES

Sunday 14 6 pm Vigil (Sat) 9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT People of the Parish Ignacio Maraggi (RIP) Bridie Meaney (RIP) Filipino Mass	Thursday 18 9.30 am	Advent Feria Michelle Brien & Children (INT)
Monday 15 No Mass	Advent Feria	Friday 19 10.00 am	Advent Feria Bridie Meaney (RIP)
Tuesday 16 9.30 am	Advent Feria Dr James and Staff (INT)	Sunday 21 6 pm Vigil (Sat) 9.00 am 11.00 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jimmy and Delia Kennedy (RIP) People of the Parish Anne Marie Phillip (1st ANV)
Wednesday 17 11.00 am	Advent Feria Mass and Advent Retreat for Elderly		

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.

ANOIDNTING OF THE SICK – If you are admitted to Hospital, please ask for 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 and needs Last Rites at home, please, call Fr Damian at the office on 0203376 4134. If no answer, please call 07356 232090, and leave a message. He is generally available from Tuesday 6 am to Sunday 6pm.

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

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Sick & Housebound

The Lamp by the Shrine of Our Lady: Debbie Barry (RIP)

The Lamp by the Sacred Heart: Velez Family (INT)

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Please pray for all those who have recently died, especially

Kathleen Devine

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

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

Website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/kensalnewtown/

Parish Priest: Fr Damian Ryan (IG: [@DamianRyan30](https://www.instagram.com/DamianRyan30))

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Parish School: St Mary's East Row, W10 5AW. www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk

Westminster Diocese Registered Charity No. 233699. www.rcdow.org.uk



Church Website



Church Facebook



Fr. Damian Instagram



Church YouTube

ALPHA

We are starting our 6th season of **alpha** for adults. Alpha is an 11 week series where everyone (from argumentative atheists to committed baptised Catholics) can get curious about the **big questions of life, faith, and meaning**, in a relaxed and informal way, with food and drink, input, and open discussion (you can say anything you want!). Our next season will start on **Sunday 11th January 2026 4-6 pm to Sunday 22nd March 2026** in our newly refurbished hall. Please, register by completing one of the alpha registration leaflet at the back of church and return them into the alpha box or office. One of the alpha team will confirm your place by calling you. Places are very limited, so register now to avoid disappointment!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A precept of the church is for every Catholic to go to the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) at least once per year. **Fr Daniel Isah** will kindly be available for the sacrament on **Sunday 21st December 10am - 12 noon (including during Mass)**. 'How to go to confession' leaflets are available at the back of church.

PARISH BAZAAR: MANY THANKS

Thanks to all who supported our Parish Bazaar last weekend. An amazing example of our parish community coming together. Whilst we don't have the final total of money raised we believe it will be circa £7000. This will be confirmed in January once all is counted. Won't be long before we will be getting our new kitchen! Please take a Bazaar update newsletter today and this gives you all relevant info about who won what.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION IN THE CHURCH

We need volunteers **Friday 19th 7pm to 8.30pm** to clean the church, put the tree, crib and decorations up ready for Christmas please come along and help.

All will be done whilst we have beautiful background music playing and some mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SOCIAL

Join us for Christmas Carols and a festive social on Sunday, **21st December!** The Christmas Carols will take place in the church from **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** featuring classic carols performed in a contemporary style and also with our children from St. Mary's Primary School. Afterward, from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, head to the hall for the Christmas social. There will be festive music, food, drinks, and fun for all ages. You might even spot a certain jolly, bearded visitor (ho-ho-ho!).

Please bring along some mince pies and mulled wine to share.

We'll also hold a **small raffle**—if you have any prizes to donate, contact Laura Ryan at 07721 885648 or drop off your raffle gifts in the hall after any Mass between now and the 18th. **Invite your friends and neighbours.** No need to sign up—just mark the date in your diary and join us for a wonderful celebration!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Goes toward the priest's stipend. Please, give as generously as you are able.

FILIPINO MASS

Filipino Mass will be held at **4pm** every **2nd Sunday** of each month. **The next one will be at 4:00pm on 14th December.**

CONTACTLESS USERS FOR GIFT AID

Could M B and A Joko Hsfg please email the office with their full name and address details, as the current contact information is incorrect and cannot be accepted by HMRC.

LOST PROPERTY ITEM:

A wristwatch has been found in the church. If you believe it belongs to you, please come forward with a brief description of the watch to confirm ownership.

JOURNEYING WITH HOPE: THE TOUR OF THE JUBILEE ICON"

As the Jubilee ends, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in hope, deepen our faith and love, and unite us as one family in prayer for those facing poverty, captivity, oppression and inequality. Please scan the QR Code of this poster in the notice board for more information.

JUBILEE ICON TOUR:

CAFOD's Jubilee Icon is visiting "**Places of Hope**" across the Diocese this December. Commissioned to celebrate the Jubilee Year, the icon was created by artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Please Scan the QR Code of this poster in the notice board for more information.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Parents, if you would like your child to take part in the **Nativity Presentation** before the **5pm Mass on Christmas Eve** please sign on the yellow forms on the notice board as soon as possible. **Children must be in Year 3 or above. Costumes will be provided.** We need parents to help with the rehearsals if this presentation is to take place. Please sign up as soon as possible.

SPECIAL DONATIONS DURING CHRISTMAS

In this Holy Season of Advent, if you can, please make a special effort to donate items to our **local food bank**. There are Advent Calendar posters at the back of the Church to give you ideas for what to donate each day. "

RETRouvaille

Christmas can be a time of great stress for some marriages and Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. Tel: 07887 296983 WWW.RETROUVAILLE.ORG.UK

AN INTERVIEW OF FR. DAMIAN RYAN BY DIVINE RENOVATION

"*A New Normal: A Story from the UK*" is available at : <https://divinerenovation.org/blog/a-new-normal-a-story-from-the-uk/> Some hardcopies are available at the back of the church.

FR DAMIAN'S HOMILIES:

If you would like to re-read Fr Damian's homilies at Mass, visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/kensalnewtown/fr-damian-homilies/>

Offertory Collection for last weekend

Loose: £288.04 Envelopes: £356 Contactless: £76.71 Standing Orders: £234.50 **TOTAL: £955.25 Thank you!**

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 by

contacting kensalnewtown@rcdow.org.uk. Newsletter items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in the Newsletter that week.

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