



## PARISH NEWS

**Christmas Offering Collection amounted to £4,718.41**

*Thank you for your amazing generosity!*

**Standing orders for October: £3,432.00**

**Contactless Income for December: £528.73**

### NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Would you like to get more involved in our parish community?

We have many service ministries to choose from  
and welcome all volunteers.

Please contact the office for more information. *Thank you!*

### I want to thank Fr Ruwan,

Sri Lankan Chaplain and also Assistant Priest in our parish. Father Ruwan is a very determined and diligent priest. He brought the Sinhalese community out of lock down and helped get their life going once more. He has celebrated the Mass here in this parish prayerfully and carefully. He has been living in the parish house with me for the last 2 ½ years, and helping in our parish. Father, thank you - for your loyalty to me; thank you for your wisdom when things can be a bit challenging; thank you for your reliability; thank you for your flexibility – above all thank you for your priestly fraternity. May God bless you, dear Fr Ruwan.

Please pray for **Fr Kamal** who has come into residence in the Clergy House. He was Vice Rector at St Joseph's College in Colombo, and will now be undertaking further studies, looking after the Sinhalese chaplaincy and assisting in the parish. Please do give him a very warm welcome.

### FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

In the event that we need to evacuate the church, we ask that you please think about becoming a **Fire Warden** to help keep everyone safe.

In particular, if you have a regular Mass time, or if you are a Collector or a Reader, we ask that you consider attending the training which will be held on

**Thursday 18th January at 7pm in our church.**

To ensure that there are fire wardens at every Mass we do need as many as possible. If you would like to help the parish in this way please contact the Parish Office by Friday 12 January.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024** The first meeting for candidates and parents/guardians will take place on **Monday 15 January at 5:30pm in the CHURCH.**

**CONFIRMATION 2024** The first meeting for candidates will take place on **Monday 15 January at 6:00pm at the church of The Transfiguration.**

## FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception of the late **Helen Delaney** will take place on Sunday 7 January at 7:30pm and the Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 8 January at 12:30pm followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 2:00pm

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The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Percival Theophilus Charles** will take place on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 11:00am followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery at 1:00pm

*May they rest in peace* ☩

### SICK LIST

Thank you for submitting names of friends and loved ones in need of our prayers. Please note, that they will remain on the sick list for 4 weeks after which time, you are welcome to contact the office to place them on the list again. *Thank you.*

## YOUTH GROUP

Year 9 - Year 13

We are thrilled to announce that our first session in 2024 will be run by the **Westminster Youth Ministry**, on the theme of **NEW BEGINNINGS**. Come and join us in fun activities and engaging discussions on **Sunday 14 January at 5:00pm** in the church annexe.

Registration forms for new members are available in the church porch.

### Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 7 January 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	For all who supported the Grefte family	<b>Ints</b>
Sunday	9:00am	Louis Keleghan	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	The Dominican Sisters at St Roses's Convent	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	The Molloy Family	<b>Ints</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
	7:30pm	Reception of the late Helen Delaney	
Monday	9:30am	Mairead Casey, Peg Murphy and Andy Murphy	<b>Anniv</b>
	12:30pm	Funeral—Helen Delaney	<b>RIP</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Sean Deroe	<b>RIP</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Breda and Tim Kelleher	<b>Ints</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Antony John Chalissery	<b>Anniv</b>
	11:00am	Funeral—Percival Charles	<b>RIP</b>
Friday	9:30am	Mary and Patsy McAshea	<b>Ints</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Colleen and Redge Carpen	<b>Ints</b>

**Those who are sick:** Paul Kelly, Carmaletta O'Sullivan, Carol Scanlon, Martin Doyle, Kathleen McGloin, Yvonne Dike, Rose John-Francis

**Those who have died recently:** Mossie Joy, Noreen Joy, Christine Elizabeth Casey, Helen Delaney, Percival Charles, Tony McGovern, Fr Stuart Gullan-Steel

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Louis Keleghan, Antony John Chalissery