

THIS WEEK:

**Mon — Sat: 10am Mass
Exposition and Confessions to
11am.
Monday (Day Chapel) and
Friday: Evening Mass at 6.30pm.**

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews
7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

SEPTEMBER: £15,378.57
(of which contactless: £1,704.10 ,
SO and online: £4,501.33)
Week average: £3,076
Thank you for your generosity.

Social Apostolate: Every Monday we invite you to breakfast at 11 am and therapeutic support. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1 pm we invite you for a hot meal, sandwiches and hot drinks. New volunteers are welcome.

Fr Jack Mahoney SJ RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. John (Jack) Mahoney SJ, who died recently after a long illness. Fr. Jack was a member of the St Ignatius Community here in Stamford Hill in 2019—2020.

FHC Course next Sunday, beginning with the 11am Mass.

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

**Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil);
Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11
Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 6:30^{pm}
Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm}
Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass
Evening Mass Monday and Friday at
6.30pm
Padre Pio/Divine Mercy Mass: 2nd
and 4th Tuesday 6.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
after 10am Mass each weekday, after
the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 6pm
Saturdays, or by appointment.
Rosary/Divine Mercy: 11am each
weekday**

PARISH STAFF & TEAM



Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ. **Assistant Priests:** Fr. John McCabe SJ, Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ
Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. Pierce Gibson SJ (Studies), Fr. John Moffatt SJ (LJC), Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (Congo), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS). Fr. Ján Mahút (novice)
Music: Ann Bennett
Sunday Sacristan: Kevin De Souza
Parish Secretary: Judy Bronson.
Tel: 020 8800 2262 . Tu-Th 9am — 1pm
Catechetics: Aga Wiecek 020 8800 2202

If you have any concerns about safety of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Representatives: Angela Anyanwu, 07979047550 or Bernadeta Dymek stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk



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Love God and Love neighbour

When we experience God's love for us, the love is so powerful that it flows from us back to God, but also increases our love for others. In the Gospel for today Jesus quotes the *Shema*, Israel's great affirmation of faith and love of God. One imagines that the words come quickly to Jesus' lips because, as a devout Jew, he would have prayed the prayer each morning and evening, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" Jesus speaks in the spirit of the Torah, and confesses that love of God is our primary desire and goal. And, along with our Jewish brothers and sisters, we are called to love and worship God with "all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

One of the truths of Christianity that is sometimes forgotten is that love is more important than just about anything, and certainly more important than rituals. In fact, for St Paul, ritual is empty and worthless without love. If we continue to harbour resentment in our hearts, we would be better off seeking to be free of those things than practising religion. So all the commandments boil down to just those two: Love God and Love your neighbour.

Today Jesus invites us to see that we are to love God totally -- all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. And living in that love, we are to love ourselves and one another. Nothing is greater than this embracing love. To teach our young ones about God who loves us is the greatest gift we can leave them.

We are also expected to love our neighbour. This is where Jesus goes much deeper in his teaching and in a more radical way, than the faithful members of his Jewish audience were willing to accept easily. He

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength

deliberately will use the example of the Good Samaritan (the people of Samaria were Israel's nearest neighbours and there was a long history of enmity between them) to emphasise the radical nature of his teaching. The tragedy of the wars in the Middle East and in Ukraine represent a horrendous failure to understand the truth of Jesus' teaching about God and our neighbour.

Lutheran Pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was put to death in 1945 by the Nazis, put it like this:

“Every moment and every situation challenges us to action and to obedience. We have literally no time to sit down and ask ourselves whether so-and-so is our neighbour or not. We must get into action and obey—we must behave like a neighbour to him.”



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD on sale in the repository. Just **£1** each including envelope. 12 for £10. Your donation helps the parish finances, especially the Social Apostolate.

Nigerian Association: the last Sunday of every month.

Sunday ministries: Servers and choir: We are inviting children who have already received their First Holy Communion to volunteer to be altar servers at the 9.30am or 11am Mass.

9.30 and 11am Choirs: Please contact Ann (our director of Music) - leave her a text message at 07793 751261 if you would like to sing with the junior choir at the 9.30am Mass or the adult choir at 11am.

Pope's Prayer Intention (November) For anyone who has lost a child
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for peace in the Middle East:

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

- *Reverend Said*

Parish Office—change to days: Our parish secretary will be in the office Tuesdays to Thursdays 9 to 1pm. Please phone on those days rather than on Mondays or Fridays. Thank you.