

THIS WEEK:

**Mon — Sat: 10am Mass
Exposition and Confessions to
11am.**

**Monday (Immaculate
Conception), Tuesday (*Padre Pio*)
and Friday: Evening Mass at
6.30pm.**

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

OCTOBER: £12,828.64

(of which contactless: £1,704.10

SO and online: £4,061.33)

Week average: £3,207

**Sr Helen/Nigeria School: more than
£1,000 raised!**

Thank you for your generosity.

November: results next week.

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4
-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Monday
(transferred from Sunday). Mass at
10am and 6.30pm

FAREWELL KEVIN! Today is our
sacristan Kevin's last day. We thank
him for his wonderful ministry.

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).

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:
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Bernadeta Dymek
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**2nd Advent Year C
8 December 2024**

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MESSAGE FROM JESUIT NOVICE Fr. Ján Mahút (with us for six weeks in October/November)

On Sunday evening, October 6th, I arrived at St. Ignatius Church for the first time and joined the Jesuit community. The next day, I met Father Andrew to discuss my time in Stamford Hill, and on that very day, I began serving in the Social Apostolate to the poor and homeless. In the first two weeks, I asked myself: What does it mean for these people to be in the parish? Do their prayer groups help them grow spiritually? Is the Social Apostolate effective in supporting people in need? Are these people being transformed? I felt dissatisfied. Several things helped me change my perspective.

I remember one evening when I returned to the Jesuit community feeling disappointed, one of my brothers helped me see what people truly needed. Another thing that changed my point of view was the Jesuit community's openness and willingness to share. It made me more interested in the brothers in the community.

Then, there was the experience in the Social Apostolate. One man from the "People in Need" group told me that I was hiding something behind my mask. I was taken aback, but his words made me reflect on myself. During my time in the Social Apostolate, I also experienced much love and laughter among the volunteers. This showed me that we are there for people, with open arms, as God would have us be. At that time, I was reading a book about priestly fatherhood, which encouraged me to bring people to prayer before God. Prayer opened my heart and inspired me to share my weaknesses, helping me grow closer to others. Priestly ministry was also significant for me. I had the opportunity to deepen my relationship with Christ and accompany people in their personal stories, as well as in their reconciliation with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Another experience also changed my perspective. I was asked to preach to the children at the Polish Mass for children. I thought it would be easy, since my mother tongue is similar to Polish. However, I quickly realized that it wasn't as simple as I had thought. It was humbling but also healing.

After these experiences, I began to ask myself: What does it mean for me to be here? I realized that we are here to be an image of God's love, to represent His Kingdom. I felt grateful that in the parish, I could be with people who praise God in their own way, as both a brother and a spiritual father. I became more thankful for the love and service of my brothers in the Jesuit community.

Finally, I began to understand the purpose of the work in the parish, especially in the Social Apostolate. As a volunteers, we were there to accept people as they are and with God's love to help them take the next steps on their journey.

Dear St Ignatius Parish and the Jesuit community in Stamford Hill,
Thank you for allowing me to be among you!

Thank you for your love, faith, and hope.

With God's grace you helped me be challenged, transformed, and more open-hearted.

I am keeping you in my prayers. Please keep me in yours as well.

I hope to meet you again. With many blessings as we prepare for Christmas, Jan

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.

NEW SUNDAY SACRISTAN: please see the poster in the porch about this part-time role.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD on sale in the repository. Just **£1** each including envelope. 12 for **£10**. Your donation helps our Social Apostolate to the poor and homeless.

Pope's Prayer Intention (December) For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE.

If you have experience of finance, e.g. in a Bank or in running a business, please contact Fr. Andrew for consideration as a new member of the parish Finance Committee. We are particularly looking for someone with experience in building work, architecture or building maintenance.

Second Sunday of Advent Please see the notice from our Social apostolate about ways in which you can help the poor by use of the Caritas Westminster Advent giving Calendar. Thank you for your generosity.



Praying Scripture in Advent (for young people, under age of 30)

Sr. Agnes will be facilitating a group on Sundays at 2.30pm to read and pray scripture through Advent. Please let us know if you are interested in taking part.