

## THIS WEEK:

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

**Monday and Friday: Evening  
Mass at 6.30pm.**

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a;  
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

**NOVEMBER: £12,846.90**

SO/Online: £3,881.33

Contactless: £1,704.10

**Average: £3,212**

Sick and Retired appeal: £724.63

Sr. Helen/Nigeria appeal: £1,480.14

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Funerals: Marjorie Bossy** (sister  
of Fr. Michael). Our Lady of  
Grace, North Chingford,  
Friday 23 December. 12 noon.

**Patrick McGowan** 23 December,  
St Ignatius Church, 11.30am.



## NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

**Saturday Evening 6.30<sup>pm</sup> (Vigil);**

**Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11**

**Polish (po polsku): 12.30<sup>pm</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Mass in Spanish: 4.30<sup>pm</sup>**

**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:** *to be appointed*

**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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**3rd Advent Year C  
15 December 2024**

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## ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

We celebrate Gaudete Sunday today. “Rejoice, the Lord is near!”. On this day, we rejoice because we realise that we are now halfway through this beautiful Season of Advent – the “Lord is Near!”

In this season we will soon be able to welcome Jesus who will be born in Bethlehem. We will rejoice with His parents, Mary and Joseph. Today, when we come to church, we notice some signs which help us to realise that the great Feast of Christmas is very near. We light the Third Advent Candle, which is pink; we decorate the Altar with flowers as a sign of our joyful expectations.

The priest may wear a rose-coloured vestment at Mass.

The Readings at Mass encourage us to rejoice. The Prophet Zephaniah encourages us to “Rejoice and exult with all your heart!”

The Responsorial Psalm is from the Prophet Isaiah: “Behold, God is my salvation! I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my praise, and he has been my salvation.”

St Paul, in his letter to the Philippians exclaims, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ... The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

In St Luke’s Gospel, we meet St John the Baptist who tells us: “I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, he strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to unite. He will baptise you with the Holy spirit and fire.”

Let us pray, on this Gaudete Sunday, for the grace to prepare well for the great day when we can welcome Jesus, born in a stable in

**Responsorial Psalm: Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Bethlehem. The day when we can kneel at the Crib and pray in thanksgiving to Jesus who has come into our world to save us.

“Let us rejoice and be glad!” (Sr Eugenia, adapted)

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### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES IN ENGLISH:

(Please see the poster for the full schedule)

CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday): Christmas (“Midnight”) Mass at 10:30pm  
No Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday): Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am  
NO AFTERNOON or EVENING MASS

26th (Thursday) St Stephen and 27: 10am Mass only

29 (SUNDAY) HOLY FAMILY: Masses at usual times

30 Mass at 10am only

31 (Tuesday): Mass at 10am

Tuesday Midnight: **MIDNIGHT MASS of the NEW YEAR**

1 January MARY MOTHER OF GOD: Mass at 10am

2 – 3 10am Mass only

EPIPHANY (SUNDAY): Masses at usual times

**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. Sunday mornings from 8.30am to

12.30pm with extra hours during church festivals. Some training and supervision will be provided

### 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.

**Social Apostolate**  
INVITES YOU TO  
*Christmas Lunch*  
for homeless and those in need

18 December 2024 12:30-3:30  
St. Ignatius Church  
27 High Road N15 6ND

We will start with Holy Mass with Christmas Carols, Live Music.  
Hot Mushroom and Beetroot soup.  
Christmas Parcels

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