

THIS WEEK & NEXT:

**Mon — Sat: 10am Mass
Exposition and Confessions to
11am unless other service to
follow.**

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

Tuesday: *Padre Pio* Mass 6.30pm

READINGS: Is. 40:1-5,9-11, Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16,21-22.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER totals: next week.

Thank you for your generosity

**CHRISTMAS: £5,700 not including
contactless or online donations.**

THANK YOU!

**St Ignatius Primary School:
Places in Reception Class
available. Please take a leaflet.**

First Holy Communion: Classes
continue today following the
11am Mass. We pray for all of
the children and their catechists.

PAX CHRISTI Sunday next
weekend. Retiring collection at
all Masses.

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
6.30^{pm}**

**Padre Pio/Divine Mercy Mass: 2nd
and 4th Tuesday 6.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

in the church after 10am Mass each
weekday, after the 6.30pm Mass on
Friday, 6pm Saturdays, or by
appointment at the Presbytery.

Rosary: 11am each weekday.

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat

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: tbc

Parish Secretary: Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 . T-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

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**Baptism of the Lord Year C
12th January 2025**

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”

That Spirit that empowered Jesus to make his new beginning is the same Spirit that empowered us in ours. Few of us can remember that moment; most of us were carried to the font, infants in the arms of our parents or godparents.

Our name was given to us, our commitment was spoken for us, our future was promised to God. We spend our lives catching up with our beginning, struggling to make good the large promises made on our behalf.

What started at our christening needs to be validated by our personal decisions. We have not left our baptism behind us; it faces us each day as God’s expectation of us.

Our baptism is not the only time we are empowered by the Spirit. Often in our lives we are given special graces for the tasks that lie ahead. The Spirit does not retire at our Baptism; And is not shy about helping us. We should all pray for the sending of the Spirit, particularly when we face change and important decisions. We may not always feel it, but our baptismal faith assures us that we are God’s children and that God loves us and takes delight in us.

We don’t have to work our way up to intimacy with God. Through our baptism we already live in relationship with God. We are beloved children of God, graced to live a new life which God has shared with us through Jesus Christ. We pray to be given the grace to be faithful servants who live our lives as lights in the darkness.

Responsorial Psalm: Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION JANUARY:



For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Our Youth Choir which sings at the 9.30 Mass is looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Fridays 6.15pm - 7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text/Whatsapp Ann on 07793 751261



JUBILEE: Pilgrims of Hope

In accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims a Holy Year, a Jubilee, every twenty-five years. This special Holy Year began on Christmas Eve and ends at Epiphany in 2026. It is, in essence, the Church offering a year of hope, especially for those living on the margins.

In the Old Testament the Jubilee was a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, to be marked every 50 years by the forgiveness of debts, the liberation of slaves or and prisoners, and the return of land and property to its rightful owners.

The Jubilee offers us a special new year, a fresh start, an opportunity to change direction; it is a call for Christians to play our part, as Pope Francis declares, "to be tangible

signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind". We must take to heart the need to "bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope".

JUBILEE PRAYER—we pray as Pilgrims of Hope.

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the



whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen