THIS WEEK:

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. 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Cor. 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES DECEMBER TOTAL: £14,721.95 Online and SO: £4,802.33 Contactless: £1,670.00 Week average: £3,680 January totals next week. THANK YOU!

St Ignatius Primary School: Following the recent OFSTED inspection just before Christmas the school received great praise from the diocesan director of education. Places in Reception Class available. Please take a leaflet.

Funeral: Breege Kane Friday at 12pm.

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 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:** 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 stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man

The genuine humility of ordinary people never ceases to astonish me. I was reminded of this during this past week when visiting a couple who have been married for more than 60 years. Their obvious care and affection for each other is undimmed. They retain their simple but powerful faith in God in the face of personal tragedies and ongoing serious illness.

When Jesus calls Simon and the other disciples to follow him in the Gospel reading today, he begins by working the miracle of the fish, and then he reassures Simon not to be afraid. Simon's simple but powerful belief in Jesus and his trust that Jesus is the answer to all his questions and fears leads him and his friends to leave their livelihood and commit the rest of their lives to following the Lord, even despite having little clue about where this will lead them.

The Gospels have many stories in which people have their lives changed irrevocably by the words and actions of Christ. In particular, he attracts the sorts of people that others would reject as sinners, or "unclean". It is sometimes helpful to reflect on my own life and ask "when was the moment that I realized that I must devote my attention to following Christ our Lord more closely?"

Jesus doesn't reject any of us because we are sinners. Jesus has other plans for each one of us because he believes that all sinners have a chance to move away from their past towards his future.

We all have the opportunity to show others that Jesus does not reject them because they are sinners. Let us all try to attract new people to our community of St Ignatius Parish, providing a welcoming place for all who are seeking the love and forgiveness of God.

Responsorial Psalm: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord

9.30 & 11 Glory: Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FEBRUARY:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

Racial Justice Sunday: 2025 is the thirtieth anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. It takes place next Sunday. The theme this year: *"Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice".* There will be a retiring collection at all Masses for the diocesan agency to promote racial justice.

Mass for bereaved parents: A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 5th April at 2pm.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Our Youth Choir recently provided wonderful music for the Ecumenical Service here at the church. They usually sing at the 9.30 Mass and are looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Wednesdays 6.15pm -7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text Ann on 07793751261

Church organ: our organ is undergoing repairs and parts of the mechanism are not being used for the next few weeks.

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

Ghanaian Catholic Association: Meets today after the 11am Mass.

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please contact the parish office if you have one of these anniversaries and would like to take part.