

THIS WEEK:

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

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

READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4;
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER TOTAL: £14,721.95

Online and SO: **£4,802.33**

Contactless: **£1,670.00**

Week average: **£3,680**

CHRISTMAS: £7,332.76

Crib (Catholic Children Society):
£981.74

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.

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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**Presentation/Candlemas
2nd February 2025**

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CANDLEMAS/PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

When Joseph and Mary come to the temple it is a big event in their lives - they are coming to say thankyou in the same way that many of their predecessors have done - to say thankyou to God for the wonderful gift of Jesus, their first-born son.

But there are two other characters in this story: Simeon and Anna. Many people wait for a long, long time for their dreams to be fulfilled, and in Simeon and Anna we find two people who have waited for many years for this, the most important moment in their lives, it is the moment when their hopes and dreams come true

I'm sure that in Anna's 84 years there were trials and hardships, pain, suffering, the loss of friends and loved ones, but she remained a faithful believer in God, and trusted that in each day that came along she would be brought closer and closer to the Saviour of her people.

Each day she was able, piece by piece, to let go of all the petty distractions and things that annoy which tried to draw her away from her one hope: to be in the temple on the day when Jesus was offered back to God.

Now she can rejoice; her waiting is over.

Simeon and Anna teach us that the lesson of life is to let go, and the older we grow, the more we have to let go of things and hopes and wishes that we hold dear.

Just as Simeon was led by the Spirit, so we too are led by the Spirit.

Just as Anna prayed and served God every day of her life, so do we.

In Christ God entered into our world in a way that God could understand us better.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord of Hosts—He is the King of Glory!
9.30 & 11 Glory: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus,
bonae voluntatis.*

In Christ God could experience our pain and loss; the diseases, sicknesses and temptations which are all around us, and "because he was himself tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are tempted."



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.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS:
Thanks to your ongoing donations towards the upkeep and repair of our beautiful church we have

been able to carry out emergency repairs on gutters on the south side of the church, as well as detailed cleaning of the Stations of the Cross, and the mosaics and altars of the St Joseph, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady chapels. With the careful removal of the considerable amount of grime and grease these features of the building are now good as new, and all for the glory of God.

Contactless machine: The charging cable for one of the machines was removed without permission. A replacement has been obtained.

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

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