

THIS WEEK:

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass
Exposition and Confessions to 11am, followed by Rosary.
Monday (Day Chapel) and Friday: Mass also at 6.30pm
Tuesday: Divine Mercy Mass at 6.30pm
ALPHA COURSE: Wednesday from 7.15pm

READINGS: Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES
SEPTEMBER Total: £13,899.93
Standing order/online and contactless: £7,037.72
Week average: £3,475
Evangelii Gaudium: £257.73
CAFOD: £522.17

Little Sisters of the Poor from their community and nursing home in Stoke Newington are giving their appeal at all Masses this Weekend.

A **missionary from Bethlehem** will visit us next weekend 2 November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families.

Funeral of Catherine Brown: Friday at 11.30am. RIP

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
Monday and Friday: 6.30pm Mass
***Padre Pio* and *Divine Mercy* Masses: 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month 6.30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
after 10am Mass each weekday
Saturdays, or *by appointment*.
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. Anthony Aduaka SJ (ANW, KCL), Fr. Roseller Atilano SJ (PHI, LSE), Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (ACE, Arise Project), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).
Music: Ann Bennett
Sunday Sacristan: Axel Rejas
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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26th October 2025

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God, be merciful to me, a sinner!

Today's Gospel contains one of Jesus' most powerful parables. There is no disguising that we have to choose a side, and there is also no disguising which side Jesus hopes we choose.

In the parable, the Pharisee doesn't actually talk to God at all; he talks to himself. He congratulates himself for being so great. He tells himself what a perfect Pharisee he is, how he does everything right. He compares himself favourably with the poor, wretched sinner over there in the corner at the back of the temple. The Pharisee forgets to address God in prayer; so it's not surprising that his prayer goes unheard, because it's not a prayer at all; it's more like a home-video of the Pharisee's greatest achievements.

The tax collector is another story altogether: A wretched human being who is so ashamed of himself that he doesn't have the courage to raise his eyes to heaven. But the message of the Old Testament is important: **"the prayer of the humble pierces the clouds"**; God hears his cry for forgiveness.

There is another difference between these two people. The Pharisee talks about what he does: he thinks he is valuable in God's eyes because of all the fasting he does and the money he gives to the temple. He thinks that by reminding God of the account balance God will give him his reward.

The tax collector concentrates on who he is: a SINNER, seeking forgiveness and mercy. He knows himself far better than the Pharisee is prepared to admit. God ignores outward appearance and looks at the heart; so the tax-collector finds peace with God; the Pharisee doesn't. We all want to find peace with God, and that peace depends largely on our taking a good hard look at who we really are once in a while. Today would be a good day to do that. To look beyond the criteria that

Responsorial Psalm: The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

the Pharisee uses, to look at the needs and the concerns that we all share as human beings.

We wish we could be more forgiving and less resentful; we worry about health sometimes; we feel angry with God about something; we make fun of people and gossip about them. We all need to ask God to forgive us sometimes. God, be merciful to me, a sinner!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Prayer morning **Saturday 22 November**. 10am Mass—1pm. Could all EMHCs please attend.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OCTOBER:

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

ALPHA COURSE: Wednesday at 7.15pm in the presbytery.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Thursdays at 6.30pm. Please join this group if you are a non-baptized seeking Baptism, or a catholic adult seeking First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Each person goes at their own pace until ready to receive the sacraments. Baptised non-Catholics wishing to join the Catholic Church are also welcome. Information: 020 8442 2202



Children servers for 9.30am Mass: We are recruiting new servers for the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Candidates should have received their First Holy Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be closer to our sacred worship every Sunday.

Planned Giving: Huge thanks to the many people who have enrolled in the planned giving campaign for the parish. Please complete the green form if you took it home with you, and return it to the parish as soon as possible.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 14—20 December. Based here and online. Please take a leaflet and the application form if you are interested.

READERS MEETING: The next meeting of our readers, for training and reflection, is on Thursday 13th November 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Could all who read in our church please make every effort to attend. New readers welcome.

ALL SAINTS DAY: this important feast has been moved to **Sunday 2nd November**. As a result **All Souls Day** is on Monday 3rd November this year.

Appeal from our ministry to the poor and the homeless:

If you have any unwanted men's warm clothes or shoes at home, please give them to the Apostolate for those in need (they can be left at the parish house). Please make sure the items are clean and in good condition. Thank you.

Please help prevent drug crime: If you give cash to someone outside the church door the money goes to drug gangs. This is now a serious problem in our local area, with added issues of theft, breaking and entering, and social harassment. If you want to help the poor please donate using the Poor box by the statue of St Anthony of Padua, or via electronic or online donation.

Farewell to Fr. Andrew. Advance notice that your parish priest will finish his term of office on 10th January 2026.