### 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.

READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-3: Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES OCTOBER Total: £12,781.46 Standing order/online and contactless: £5,883.33 Week average: £3,195 CAFOD: £802.17

Thank you so much!

#### CELEBRATE!

Please plan to join us for these celebrations:

**Christmas Eve Masses: Spanish** 6.30pm; Polish 9pm; English 10.30pm.

Christmas Day: 8, 9.30 and 11am (English); 12.30pm (Polish). **NEW YEAR EVE: Midnight Mass at** 00.00 Midnight.

Fr. Andrew Farewell: January 6th, 10am and 6.30pm

FHC: next class after 11am Mass next Sunday

## **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 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 Dvmek stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk



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# World Youth Sunday: Pope Leo's Message

Dear young people, Thank you for the joy you brought when you came to Rome for your Jubilee, and thank you to all the young people who were united to us through their prayer from every part of the world. It was a precious moment for renewing our enthusiasm for the faith and sharing the hope that burns in our hearts! Rather than being an isolated event, I hope the Jubilee encounter marks for each of you a step forward in Christian life and a strong encouragement to persevere in witnessing to your faith. That same dynamic is at the heart of this World Youth Day, today, with the theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me". (Jn 15:27). As pilgrims of hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we prepare ourselves to become courageous witnesses of Christ. Let us begin a journey that will lead us to the international World Youth Day in Seoul in 2027. With this in mind, I would like to focus on two aspects of witness: our friendship with Jesus, which we receive from God as a gift, and our commitment to be builders of peace in society.

Christian witness arises from friendship with the Lord, who was crucified and rose for the salvation of all. Jesus chose to call his disciples "friends." He made known to them the Kingdom of God, asked them to remain with him, to become his community, and sent them to proclaim the Gospel. So when Jesus tells us, "Be witnesses," he is assuring us that he considers us as his friends. He alone fully knows who we are and why we are here; young people, he knows your heart, your indignation in the face of discrimination and injustice, your desire for truth and beauty, for joy and peace. Through his friendship, he listens to you, motivates you, and guides you, calling each of you to a new life. It is a unique friendship that grants us communion with God, a faithful friendship that helps us discover our dignity and that of others, an eternal friendship that not even death can destroy, because the risen and crucified Lord is its source.

Dear friends, I invite each of you to continue to individuate Jesus' friends and witnesses in the Bible. As you read the Gospel, you will find that they

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

all discovered the true meaning of life through their living relationship with Christ. Indeed, our deepest questions are not heard or answered by endlessly scrolling on our phones, which captures our attention but leaves us with tired minds and empty hearts. This search will not take us far if we keep it closed within ourselves or in narrow confinements. The fulfilment of our authentic desires always comes through going beyond ourselves. In this way, dear young people, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you can become missionaries of Christ in the world. Many of your peers are exposed to violence, forced to use weapons, separated from their loved ones, and compelled to migrate or flee. Many lack education and other essential goods. All share with you the search for meaning and the insecurity that accompanies it, the discomfort of growing social and work pressures, the difficulty of dealing with family crises, the painful feeling of a lack of opportunities, as well as the remorse for mistakes they have made. You can stand alongside other young people, walk with them and show that God, in Jesus, has drawn close to each person. As Pope Francis often said, "Christ shows that God is closeness, compassion and tender love". So do not be discouraged: like the saints, you too are called to persevere with hope, especially in the face of difficulties and obstacles. From friendship with Christ, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit within us, there arises a way of life that bears the character of fraternity. Young people who have encountered Christ bring the "warmth" and "flavour" of fraternity wherever they go, and anyone who comes into contact with them is drawn into a new and profound dimension, made up of selfless closeness, sincere compassion and genuine tenderness. The Holy Spirit enables us to see our neighbour with new eyes: in the other person there is a brother, a sister!

Dear young people, in the face of the world's sufferings and hopes, let us fix our gaze on Jesus. As he was dying on the cross, he entrusted the Virgin Mary to John as his mother, and John to her as her son. That ultimate gift of love is for every disciple, for each of us. I invite you to welcome this holy bond with Mary, a mother full of affection and understanding, and to cultivate it in particular by praying the Rosary. That way, in every situation of our life, we will experience that we are never alone, for as children we are always loved, forgiven and encouraged by God. Bear witness to this joyfully! [edited]

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER:

# For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**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 and 11am Mass:

We are recruiting new servers for the 9.30am and 11am 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.

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

# 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.

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

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