

**THIS WEEK:**

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass

**Exposition and Confessions to 11am, followed by Rosary.**

**Monday (Day chapel) and Friday:**

Mass also at 6.30pm

**Monday: Immaculate Conception**

**Tuesday: 6.30pm Padre Pio Mass**

**Saturday: 7am *rorate* Mass**

**(Polish)**

READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES**

**NOVEMBER Total: £14,476.96**

**Standing order/online and contactless: £5,762.91**

**Week average: £2,895**

**Sick/Retired priests: £480.21**

**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**

**Nigerian Association: NO MEETING during December**

**NORMAL CHURCH TIMES**

**Saturday Evening 6.30pm (Vigil);**

**Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11**

**Polish (po polsku): 12.30pm, 6:30pm**

**Mass in Spanish: 4.30pm**

**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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# St Ignatius

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## 2nd Sunday of Advent: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand

John the Baptist grabbed everyone's attention with his message about what was going to happen to everyone. All the Gospels mention him at the beginning because he is the link between every-thing that happened before the time of Jesus, especially the Old Testament prophets, and the time of Jesus himself and afterwards: the New Testament. John the Baptist is the man standing at the end of the entire history of the people of God, from Creation onwards, and he gives a terrifying account to people who listen to him. "His winnowing fork is in his hand and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The teaching of John the Baptist gives a clear message to all of us as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. John doesn't preach at the centre of power in Jerusalem. He's out on the fringe, on the edge. Those in the centre are leaving homes, jobs and their communities to come out to hear him. They move out to the edges to hear the Word of God.

Advent is our chance to make space in our lives; to leave our centre of comfort and routine and find somewhere to hear what God has to say to us. In "Evangelii Gaudium" (the "Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis wrote, "I do not want a church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures."

We must take a good look at the way we live our lives.

The prophecy of Isaiah is that there is a better world on the way; a world where justice and peace are lived realities, where people once at war are at peace, where the forces of mankind and of nature are at peace. It would be a great mistake for us to be complaisant - to think that if we wait that world will come. But as Christians who live with the Gospel in our hearts, we are committed to living out of the message of Jesus in every moment of our daily lives.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace for ever.

We prepare best for the coming of Christ into our world by living a life of forgiveness, of love and of charity.

We ask for God's forgiveness for the times in our past when we have hurt or damaged or torn the humanity of our brothers and sisters.

We pray for the grace of Christ to renew us.

Today we pray for the young people in our parish who are beginning their course towards the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire them and bring them joy on their journey of faith.



### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS *now on sale*

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION DECEMBER:

##### For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**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. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be closer to our sacred worship every Sunday.

**WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: 14—20 December. First meeting together is next Sunday at 5.30pm. Please hand in the form asap if you wish to take part.**

#### 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.

The Social Apostolate is starting a **food collection for the poorest** (1–14 December 2025). We especially ask for sweets and the items listed in the calendar prepared by Caritas Westminster. A collection box will be placed in the church, near the entrance to the sacristy. The collected food will be distributed on **17 December 2025** during the Christmas lunch for the poorest.

**Christmas Fair:** On December 14th after the Masses, volunteers from the Social Apostolate will hold a Christmas fair. They have made beautiful, unique handmade Christmas decorations. All proceeds will support the organization's work. Everyone is warmly invited.

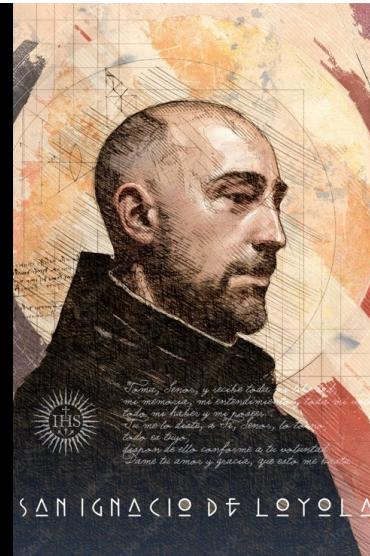
**GATHER. CELEBRATE. PREPARE**

**ST IGNATIUS  
YOUNG ADULTS  
MASS**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER 3PM**

**AGES 18 - 35**

*'Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity' 1 Timothy 4:12*

  
SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

**Join us for our  
inaugural young  
adults' mass,  
followed by winter  
warmers and good  
conversation**



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