THIS WEEK:

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass **Exposition and Confessions to** 11am, followed by Rosary. Monday (Day chapel) and Friday: Mass also at 6.30pm Saturday: 7am rorate Mass (Polish)

READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-6.10: James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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.

during December

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

Nigerian Association: NO MEETING

Funeral: Winston Pillay, RIP. Thursday at 11.30am

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 Dvmek stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk



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3rd Sunday of Advent: Are you the one who is to come?

John the Baptist, now in prison, sends his followers to find Jesus and to ask him if he is the one that everyone has been longing for all these centuries. Is Jesus the Messiah, the one who will save the people from their oppression? Jesus responds by telling them to report to John all the good things that have been happening. He then reminds everyone of the same task: look, listen, learn.

During these days of the third week of Advent, we have an opportunity to read the scriptures each day as they start to focus much more on the story leading up to the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It would be a pity, though, to forget the witness (martyrdom) of John the Baptist. Even before his birth he "leapt in the womb" of his mother Elizabeth at the presence of the baby Jesus in the womb of Mary. He preaches a radical form of repentance to everyone, baptising in the River Jordan. He recognised the power and authority of Jesus when he met him as an adult. Pope Leo writes: "Saint John the Baptist, ever since his birth, fulfilled the mission he received from God to be the herald of Jesus. He did this with radical austerity throughout his life. His idea of the Messiah at the beginning was still too closely linked to that of a rigorous judge. Jesus helps him to change his perspective, to convert, first when he presents himself to Him asking to be baptised, humbly mingled among many penitents. After this manifestation, John indicates Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Following his invitation, two of his disciples become disciples of Jesus. And the Baptist, by giving his life in the affirmation of the truth, becomes a witness to Jesus, who is the Truth."

A group in the parish is praying in a special way this week: The Week of Guided Prayer runs from today until Saturday, and members of the group are provided with a spiritual guide who will meet with them each Responsorial Psalm: Whoever follows you Lord, will have the light of life.

day, either in person or online. This will be a time of real grace for them, but also for everyone in the parish. The WGP used to be an annual event in our parish, and is a profound expression of the movement of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who take part. Let us pray that it is a success this year.

And at the end of the week, next Sunday, we have the first of the special Masses and reception for our Young Adults, aged 18-35. The Mass takes place in the day chapel in the church at 3pm on 21 December, and I warmly welcome this initiative, which is already very successful in our sister Jesuit parishes in Farm Street, Glasgow and Edinburgh.



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: 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.[No meetings until January 8th]



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.

The Social Apostolate warmly invites you to share the joy of Christmas together with the homeless and those in need.

On December 17th at 1:00 p.m., Mass with carol singing will be celebrated, followed by a **Christmas lunch** for the poorest.

Christmas Fair TODAY: 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.

Young Adult Mass (18-35) next Sunday at 3pm:

