

THIS WEEK: Prayers for Christian Unity

Today: 3pm. Young Adult Mass.

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass. Monday (Day Chapel) and Friday also at 6.30pm

Exposition and Confessions to 11am, followed by Rosary.

READINGS: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER Total: £14,299.25

Standing order/online and contactless: £7,570.07

Week average: £3,574

Christmas: £5,363.70

Crib: £616.23

Thank you so much!

December was a month of miracles for the **Social Apostolate to the poor and the homeless**. Thanks to the support of the parishioners in collecting food for those in need, we prepared over 150 hot meals for the Christmas lunch on 17/12/25 and distributed 120 food bags to take home.

During the Christmas fair, we raised £662.74, which will be used to support the Social Apostolate.

None of this would have been possible without your great support and goodwill. We sincerely thank you for every gesture, every item, and the trust you have given us.



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. Jim Conway SJ.

Assistant Priests: Fr. John McCabe SJ,

Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Anthony Aduaka J

(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:

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Pax Christi Sunday

Peace be with you all:



towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace.
(Pope Leo)

Pope Leo has announced the theme – **'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace'**. Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent 'disarmed' lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict. The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace. Pope Leo has chosen the theme: Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace. This is a daunting goal in

the light of the widespread belief that we must be armed, even with nuclear weapons, to protect ourselves. Both Pope Leo and a recent statement from our own Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (Called to be Peacemakers) indicate that peace should not rely on fear, threats or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope. The phrase 'Peace be with you' is an integral part of our Liturgy in each Mass. We are all invited to be peacemakers. Let us start in our own hearts, asking forgiveness, and praying that we will be people of peace in a world of violence. Let us ask Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to guide us. As we celebrate the theme Pope Leo gave for the World Day of Peace – Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace – the Holy Father invites us to dream God's dream of peace. Our western individualistic culture tends to think of peace in terms of 'being left alone', uninterfered with, to get on with our little personal pursuits of

Responsorial Psalm: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

happiness. But that is not peace. Peace is about being connected. 'Peace be with you ALL' is the greeting Pope Leo extends to us today. I cannot be truly at peace if you, my brother or my sister, are not. Again, our formation tends to make us think that peace is just an absence, of violence, of instability, of disorder. But through all the years of the Cold War there was never peace along the Iron Curtain, just increasing threat. And a harsh imposed order based on fear is just another form of violence. True peace means building trust, a certain vulnerability, the offering of the hand of friendship – ungloved, open-palmed, unarmed. Peace must be 'disarming', says the Pope, not just in our personal relationships but on the global stage as well. To work for peace is to seek to bridge the gaps which separate, willing that our opponent might become our friend. It is a protest against the wasting of our energies and the resources of our planet on planning its destruction. 'Disarming peace' is not naivete but a hard-headed realisation that current planning for war and the billions being now spent on re- armament are already robbing the poor of work, housing, education, health and life itself, before a shot is ever fired. Many angry voices in our day attack those who do not simply get in line and endorse the march to war. But our Scriptures place before us an unarmed Saviour, the one the Baptist recognises as the Lamb of God. We know how this film ends. Badly. Christ becomes the lamb of sacrifice, crucified for his refusal to hate. Yet that, says faith, is the only way to peace or life. Look, says John, to where the Spirit descends and stays. That's where Christ is. That's where peace is. That's where we should head. Believers cannot step outside the struggles of our world, cocooning ourselves in holy thoughts. We should be at the heart of those struggles, moved like our Lord and Master by others' hurts and hopes. But always we should remember what St Paul had to offer to his hearers in the Church at Corinth: 'grace and peace from God our Father and from Christ'. Always our actions, our plans and our inspirations face this question: are we also ministers of grace and peace? Why would we want to spend our lives on anything less than these gifts, grace and peace, for the sake both of our children and of our planet? Like the one of whom the prophet Isaiah sings today, we also are both servants and more than servants of our God; called to be 'a light for the nations, that God's salvation may reach the end of the earth'. But

it's not our light, our brilliance or our grace we have to share. It's always and only Christ's, a light we have to tap, to mine and to reflect for others by asking what peace would feel and look like here and now, on this January day in 2026.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION JANUARY:

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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. Thursdays at 6.30pm. 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.

Christian Unity Week. We pray each day this week for unity among Christians.

O Jesus Christ, Light from the Light, dwell within us, who have come together to worship your holy and precious name. Let your life-giving radiance kindle within us a deeper love for one another. May your brilliant light stir us to ever more flourishing unity. Like diverse flowers in the garden of your Kingdom, may your divine brilliance cause us to bloom in harmony. And so, all as one, may we always joyfully praise and glorify you, and the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.