

THIS WEEK:

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

Exposition and Confessions to 11am, followed by Rosary.

Tuesday: Divine Mercy Mass 6.30pm

READINGS: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13; Matthew 4:12-23

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!

First Holy Communion: Classes in the presbytery after the 11am Mass today.

Social Apostolate: Volunteers are always welcome to help to prepare and serve food to our homeless and poor guests. M—W from 11am to 2pm. Please speak with Gabi if you would like to help in any way.

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. Jim Conway 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 stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk



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25th January 2026
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Sunday of the Word of God

This Sunday is set aside each year to celebrate and deepen our experience of and appreciation for the Word of God in scripture. Pope Leo is using his regular Wednesday Catechesis to explore the riches of *Dei Verbum*, the dogmatic constitution on the Word of God of the Second Vatican Council (1965).

“A fundamental point of Christian faith, which *Dei Verbum* reminds us of, is that Jesus Christ radically transforms our relationship with God, which is henceforth a relationship of friendship. Therefore, the only condition of the new covenant is love.”

Citing St. Augustine, Pope Leo said that grace alone “can make us friends of God in his Son ... We are not equal to God, but God himself makes us similar to Him in his Son. For this reason, as we can see in all the Scripture, in the Covenant there is a first moment of distance, in which the pact between God and mankind always remains asymmetrical: God is God and we are creatures. However, with the coming of the Son in human flesh, the Covenant opens up to its final purpose: in Jesus, God makes us sons and daughters, and calls us to become like Him, albeit in our fragile humanity.

“It is important to recognize the difference between words and chatter: this latter stops at the surface and does not achieve communion between people, whereas in authentic relationships, the word serves not only to exchange information and news, but to reveal who we are. The word possesses a revelatory dimension that creates a relationship with the other. In this way, by speaking to us, God reveals himself to us as an Ally who invites us into friendship with Him.

“From this perspective, the first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

what He already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves,” Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord. This is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is He Himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer, which takes place in the interiority of the heart and mind. Time dedicated to prayer, meditation and reflection cannot be lacking in the Christian’s day and week. Only when we speak with God can we also speak about Him.

“Our experience tells us that friendships can come to an end through a dramatic gesture of rupture, or because of a series of daily acts of neglect that erode the relationship until it is lost. If Jesus calls us to be friends, let us not leave this call unheeded. Let us welcome it, let us take care of this relationship, and we will discover that friendship with God is our salvation.”

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.

Job opportunity at Jesuit Missions

We’re on the lookout for a new ‘Campaigns & Outreach Officer’



A remote working opportunity, with travel across the UK.

Are you passionate about social justice and tackling the root cause of global poverty? Can you engage and motivate others to act on campaigns involving those in the Global South?

If so, and you have a flair for campaigning, we’d love to hear from you.

For more information about Jesuit Missions, the Job Description/Person Specification go to: <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/vacancies/> or scan the QR code **Closing date: 9am, 2nd February 2026**

