

## THIS WEEK:

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

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

**Tuesday: *Padre Pio* Mass 6.30pm.**

READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-6; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

### 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<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. 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***

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**Baptism of the Lord Year A  
11th January 2026**

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## Baptism of the Lord

Jesus' story of ministry begins not with his birth but with his Baptism. Our story in faith starts with our baptism too. Jesus is not the only person who seeks Baptism. John's preaching has attracted people from the south to join his movement of revival. It is a measure of John's importance that Jesus makes a three-day journey south to the place in the Jordan valley where people immerse themselves in the river in response to John's call. Jesus is baptised in the company of many other people; for him, as for them, a new time begins.

The baptism marks a significant time for Jesus personally: he experiences his call to mission, he is grasped by the Spirit of God, he is recognised as the chosen servant and Son. The baptism also signals that a time of waiting has been ended - waiting for the heavens to open, the pouring out of the spirit, the new time of salvation.

Jesus' new beginning is God's new beginning: through the person of Jesus God will reach out to people in a new way. Whatever Jesus does will be accomplished by the power of God's Spirit in him. That Spirit that empowered Jesus to make his new beginning is the same Spirit that empowered us in ours. Few of us can remember that moment; most of us were carried to the font, infants in the arms of our parents or godparents. Our name was given to us, our commitment was spoken for us, our future was promised to God.

We spend our lives catching up with our beginning, struggling to make good the large promises made on our behalf. What started at our christening needs to be validated by our personal decisions. We have not left our baptism behind us; it faces us each day as God's expectation of us.

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Our baptism is not the only time we are empowered by the Spirit. Often in our lives we are given special graces for the tasks that lie ahead.

The Spirit does not retire at our Baptism and is not shy about helping us. We should all pray for the sending of the Spirit, particularly when we face change and important decisions.

We may not always feel it, but our baptismal faith assures us that we are God's children and that God loves us and takes delight in us. We don't have to work our way up to intimacy with God. Through our baptism we already live in relationship with God. We are beloved children of God, graced to live a new life which God has shared with us through Jesus Christ; graced to be faithful servants who live our lives as lights in the darkness. It is as if the words of Isaiah in the first reading are addressed directly to each of us, to each of the baptised:

"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

#### **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.



**Word of farewell:** My sincere thanks to all who came to one (or both!) of the two farewell celebrations on Tuesday. I am delighted to affirm that I hand the parish on to my successor confident that the unity and joy shown at both events by the wide variety of people of our parish will definitely continue. It is a particular hallmark of the church today

that we welcome everyone and involve them in ways that make best use of their gifts. These seven and a half years have been memorable—we have been through a great deal together. The lockdown was probably the most complex time for the parish. Through your patience and ability to adapt we were able to get through it with our sense of faith and community intact, and, perhaps, even deepened. I am truly grateful to our excellent team of staff and volunteer leaders who are such an important part of the life of the parish. I am also grateful for the continued support of the Jesuits who live here, members of the Ursuline, Servite and Mercy communities, the other parishes in our deanery, as well as others who visit from time to time. The Spirit is very much present among the people who worship here, and I pray that even more grace will be poured out to everyone in this wonderful parish with your new parish priest, Fr. Jim Conway SJ. May God bless you all! Fr. Andrew

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Simon Bishop SJ**, who died early last week after a long illness. RIP