

THIS WEEK

Morning Mass: Mon-Sat, 10:00am
followed by *Adoration & Confession*
until 11:00am, then the *Rosary*. On
Fridays during Lent, *Adoration* is
replaced by the *Stations of the Cross*.

Evening Mass: Mon, 6:30pm (in the
Day Chapel - use the side entrance to
enter the chapel) & **Fri, 6:30pm** (in the
main Church) followed by *Stations of
the Cross* during Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Ps 23 (22)

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

JANUARY TOTAL: £13,471.79

Standing order, online and contactless:

£6,871.83

Weekly average:

£2,694.00

Crib:

£ 970.54

Pax Christi:

£ 226.88

Christmas Dec '25 - Feb '26:

£5,248.55

Thank you so much!

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Creating and maintaining a safe environment is everyone's responsibility. Each of us plays an important role in fostering a culture of care and protection within our parish community. We are all called to help safeguard children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact: our parish safeguarding representatives:

Angela Anyanwu ☎ 07979 047550

Bernadeta Dymek ✉ stamfordhillsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

You may also leave a message on the Parish Office phone: ☎ 020 8800 2121

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening Mass (Vigil): 6:30pm

Sunday Mass: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,

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

-in Spanish (*en espanol*): 4:30pm

Monday - Saturday Mass: 10:00am

Monday & Friday Mass: 6:30pm

Padre Pio and *Divine Mercy* Masses: 2nd
& 4th Tuesday of the month: 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

after 10:00am Mass each weekday,
Saturdays or *by appointment*.

Rosary: 11:00am each weekday.

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

☎ **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

☎ 020 8800 2262 (*Tue-Thu 9:00am 1:00pm*)

Catechetics: Aga Wiecek ☎ 020 8800 2202



2nd Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

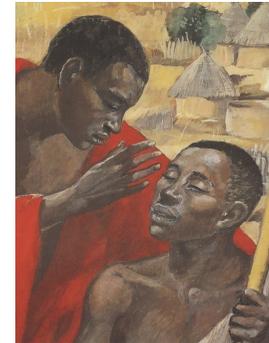
1st March 2026

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Fourth Sunday of Lent: 'Laetare Sunday'



This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare Sunday*. The word *Laetare* means "Rejoice."

In the middle of our Lenten journey, a season often marked by penance and reflection, the Church invites us to pause and remember the joy that lies ahead. Easter is drawing nearer, and the light of Christ is already beginning to shine more clearly.

The Gospel today tells the powerful story of the man born blind (John 9). Jesus places mud on his eyes and sends him to wash, and the man returns able to see. What follows is not only a story about physical healing, but about spiritual sight. While the man gradually comes to recognise who Jesus truly is, others, who believe they can already see, remain blind to the truth.

Lent asks each of us a similar question: where might we still be blind? Sometimes we fail to see Christ present in others, especially in those who struggle or feel overlooked. At other times we fail to recognise the ways God is already working in our own lives.

The joy of *Laetare Sunday* reminds us that Christ desires to open our eyes. Like the man in the Gospel, we are invited to move from darkness into light, from uncertainty into faith. When the healed man finally meets Jesus again, he responds simply and beautifully: "*Lord, I believe.*"

As we continue our Lenten journey together here at St Ignatius, may this Sunday renew our hope. May Christ open our eyes, deepen our faith, and lead us with joy toward the light of Easter.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We wish all the mothers in our parish a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. We thank you for the love, care, patience, and dedication you show each day in raising your children and nurturing your families, often while balancing many other responsibilities. Your quiet sacrifices, encouragement, and faith help to shape the lives of the next generation in countless ways. We also remember in our prayers mothers who are no longer with us, mothers who find this day difficult, and all those who have shown a mother's love and care to others. **May God bless all mothers in our parish today and always!!**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: our new Planned Giving envelopes will be available for collection on the weekends of 11–12 April and 18–19 April. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment, which helps sustain the mission & life of our parish.

FUNERAL: this Tuesday 17th March at 12:00pm. We pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Gioia, RIP

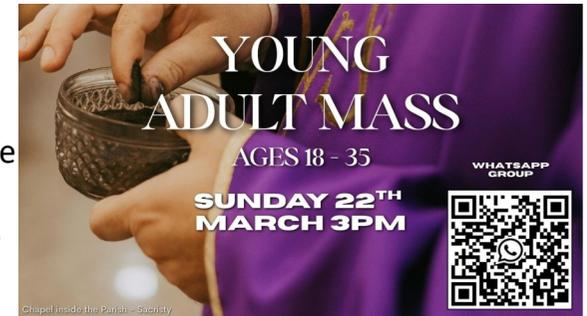
PARISH SECRETARY: Judy, our Parish Secretary, is away for the next couple of weeks. Please bear with us if queries take a bit longer to respond to.

LENTEN APPEAL 2026 & FAMILY FAST: please continue to support the diocesan appeal. Envelopes can be found in the foyer. Family Fast envelopes can also be found there. All monies go to help the important work of CAFOD.

ST ANNE'S IRISH NIGHT: come along to what promises to be a great evening of live music, hot food and great *craic* at St Anne's Home in Stoke Newington on Saturday 21st March. A licenced bar will operate from 7:30pm until 10:30pm. Tickets cost £20:00 available from St Anne's.

ST IGNATIUS YOUNG ADULT MASS & MEETING FOR 18-35's:

takes place next Sunday 22nd March at 3:00pm. Afterwards, we'll have our first General Meeting to discuss and share the vision we have for it's future. Anyone in the age range, please come along. Bring a friend!



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For disarmament and peace:

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2.30pm. Archbishop Richard is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email).

LOURDES - DIOCESE OF WESTMISTER'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:

Join Westminster Diocese's new Archbishop Richard Moth on this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 17th to Friday 24th July 2026. See: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> for more details

TEA, COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS after our morning Masses today. Please pop-in and say hello