

THIS WEEK

Morning Mass: Mon-Sat, 10:00am
followed by Adoration & Confession until 11:00am, then the Rosary

Evening Mass: Mon, 6:30pm (*in the Day Chapel - use the side entrance to enter the chapel*) and **Fri, 6:30pm** (*in the main Church*)

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 6: 1-7

Ps 33 (32)

1 Peter 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

March TOTAL: £17,907.35

Standing order & online:	£ 6,355.83
Contactless:	£ 2,087.00
Cash	£ 9,464.52
TOTAL:	£ 17,907.35
Weekly average:	£ 3,581.47

EASTER COLLECTIONS:

Holy Places of Jerusalem	£ 932.29
The Parish Social Apostolate	£ 5,977.00
Jesuit Mission Guyana Appeal	£ 1,240.15

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



5th Sunday of Easter (Yr A)
3rd May 2026

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First Holy Communions



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This weekend, we rejoice as the children of our parish receive their First Holy Communion. This is a profound moment in their journey of faith. The Eucharist is one of the Sacraments of Initiation, alongside Baptism and Confirmation, through which we are drawn ever more deeply into the life of Christ and His Church. Having already been welcomed into the Church through Baptism, these children now come to the altar to receive Christ Himself

for the first time. What a wonderful thing to celebrate!

In the Eucharist, Jesus fulfils His promise to remain with us always. He's not distant or symbolic, but truly present, offering Himself as our spiritual food and strength. The joy, anticipation, and reverence of our children remind us of the wonder of this gift. Their "first" Communion invites each of us to reflect on our own approach to the Eucharist: do we come with the same openness and anticipation, the same trust, the same sense of awe? Or has familiarity, over time, dulled our awareness of the extraordinary reality we are given at every Mass?

There is something particularly striking about seeing the Eucharist through the eyes of a child. Their preparation has involved learning, prayer, and discovery, but also simplicity of heart. In that simplicity we are reminded that faith is never meant to become routine or mechanical. Rather, it's a living relationship with Christ who continually invites us closer.

As a parish community, we recognise our responsibility in supporting these children beyond this day. Initiation is not completed in a single moment, but unfolds over a lifetime of faith, prayer, and participation in the life of the Church. By our example, encouragement and welcome, we help them to continue growing in the grace they receive. The way we pray, the way we speak about our faith, and the way we live as disciples all shape the environment in which their young faith can flourish.

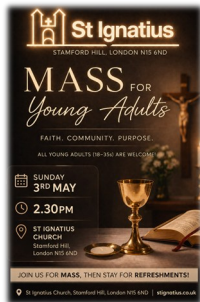
May this joyful celebration renew in all of us a deeper love for the Eucharist, and a renewed commitment to walk together in faith, hope, and charity as one parish family.

Responsorial Psalm:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday evening, and their First Holy Communion this weekend. It's a great joy to celebrate the moment when our children receive, through the Sacrament, Jesus for the first time. We pray for them and their parents on this special day



YOUNG ADULT MASS — TODAY

If you are aged 18 to 35, join us for the young adult mass this afternoon at 2.30pm. It will be followed by refreshments in the house. The young adult Mass takes place on the first Sunday of every month at 2.30pm.

Spread the word!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS - OPEN MEETING

Come along to a meeting next Sunday, 10th May, at 12.00pm in the presbytery (Blue Room - 1st floor) to find out more about being an Altar Server. Fr Anthony Aduaka will describe what it involves and offer some training. Meet some of the current altar servers and hear from them what it's like to serve at the altar.

HOLY HOUR - FOR VOCATIONS

Over the next four weeks, Archbishop Richard has asked every parish in the Archdiocese to hold a weekly Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood. At St Ignatius, the Holy Hour will take place each Friday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Mass celebrated as usual at 6:30pm.

PARISH SOUP RUN

"When I was hungry you fed me" Matthew 25:35-40.

Volunteers are needed for the Parish Soup Run: *'We are a group of volunteers attending the homeless in central London (Lincoln Inn fields) on the second Saturday of each month. We serve tea, coffee and sandwiches, donated by parishioners. Please join us by contacting the parish office. Drivers are particularly welcome.'*

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY



This year, the annual 'Mass for Migrants' will take place at 12.00pm at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, St Anthony's Road, London E7 9QB (nearest train station is Forest Gate - Elizabeth Line or Wanstead Pk - Overground.) This year represents the 20th Anniversary of the annual Mass for Migrants. Archbishop Richard Moth will preach at the Mass

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Join us on Saturday, 6th June for a pilgrimage to Walsingham. The coach leaves St Ignatius at 7:15am. Cost: Adults £28.00, Children (under-16's) £19.00. More information from Liz Gomez: 07950249376.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

Join the Knights on Saturday 28th June for their annual pilgrimage. Coach leaves St Francis De Sales Church at 8.30am. COST: £20.00. Pay before departure. More information from: Chidi Odili: 07984449221, Killian Kebbie: 07960287116, Dan Otuonye: 07485751062

DIOCESE OF WESTMISTER'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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/>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new box of envelopes from the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Envelopes available in the porch for offerings to the Priest's Training Fund.

TEA, COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS

Join us after our morning Masses today for refreshments in the hall.