

THIS WEEK:

Monday— Saturday: 10am Mass
Exposition and Confessions to 11am
unless Funeral or other Mass to
follow

No evening Mass on Monday this week.

Thursday: Epiphany Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Friday: Epiphany Masses at 10am and 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual Christmas collection often goes towards funding the works of the British Province of the Society of Jesus, and some of it is distributed to Jesuit works in other areas. Once again this Christmas the collection, in its entirety, goes towards our SOCIAL APOSTOLATE. We are grateful to the Provincial of the British Jesuits for this generosity. Thank you to all of you who have been so generous to the Social Apostolate this Christmas.

Funerals:

Wednesday January 4 at 11.30am: Rubie Masse.

Tuesday January 10 at 11.30am: Richard Taylor.

May they rest in peace.

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil);

Sunday Mass: 8^{am}, 9:30^{am}, 11^{am}

Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 6:30^{pm}

Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm}

Monday— Saturday: 10am Mass

Evening Mass on Monday and Friday at 6.30^{pm}

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

in the church after 10am Mass each weekday, after the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 6pm Saturdays, or *by appointment at the Presbytery.*

Rosary: 11am each weekday.

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat

Assistant Priests: Fr. John McCabe SJ, Fr. Piotr Kropisz SJ

SJ Superior: Fr. Michael Holman SJ

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ (JRS), Fr. John Moffatt SJ (LJC), Br. Stephen Power SJ (Admin), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

Visiting SJ priests: Fr. Bee Ruankool (Thai), Fr. Christophère Ngolele (Congo), Fr. Inos Chimire (Zimbabwe)

Music: Ann Bennett

Sunday Sacristan: Kevin De Souza

Parish Secretary: Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 . M-Th 9am — 1pm

Catechetics: Aga Wiecek 020 8800 2202

If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Representatives: Attracta Asika 079 0544 5938 and Aga Wiecek, 077 3681 9943



Mary, Mother of God

1 January, 2023

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Mary, Mother of God

Wishing everyone in the parish a joyful New Year. We all pray that 2023 will bring good news, peace and prosperity for all of us.

Mary gave birth to Jesus who was her Son and also the Son of God. At the centre of our salvation as Christians is the event of Christmas.

In Jesus our God is named “Emmanuel” -- truly God is with us.

Today’s feast day celebrates the special nature of Mary who was given the grace to bear the Son of God. As the Son is (in Christian theology) also a member of the Blessed Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in our tradition we have venerated Mary not just as the mother of Jesus, but also Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Benedict XVI RIP

We learned on Saturday that former Pope Benedict XVI has died.

All of us are asked to pray for the repose of his soul and to give thanks for his papacy over eight years. Among his gifts he was a writer of remarkable insight and prayer:

“Mary has truly become the Mother of all believers. Men and women of every time and place have recourse to her motherly kindness and her virginal purity and grace, in all their needs and aspirations, their joys and sorrows, their moments of loneliness and their common endeavours. They constantly experience the gift of her goodness and the unfailing love which she pours out from the depths of her heart. /over

[NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK: Editor away]

Response to the Psalm Today: O God, be gracious and bless us!

GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

Calling on all Ghanaian Catholics to join the above stated association for a common cause.

We meet the second Sunday of every month at the Presbytery.

Interested members can call 07477690756.Thanks.



SOCIAL APOSTOLATE FOOD COLLECTION: volunteer drivers please. We need to set up a rota of drivers/cars for food collection from various shops/businesses on Monday (2 stores in N4 and N13), Tuesday (1 store in N9) and Wednesday (2 stores in NW11 and N22) mornings. Please contact the parish if you can help. 02088002327 Many thanks, Kasia and Gabi.

ALTAR SERVERS

New altar servers are very welcome to join our serving staffs for the Sunday morning Masses: 8am, 9.30am and 11am. Children or teenagers who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to volunteer.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

January:

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

All Nigerian Catholics are invited to join us every last Sunday of the month in the presbytery after the 11am Mass.

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The testimonials of gratitude, offered to her from every continent and culture, are a recognition of that pure love which is not self-seeking but simply benevolent. At the same time, the devotion of the faithful shows an infallible intuition of how such love is possible: it becomes so as a result of the most intimate union with God, through which the soul is totally pervaded by him —a condition which enables those who have drunk from the fountain of God's love to become in their turn a fountain from which “flow rivers of living water” (Jn 7:38). Mary, Virgin and Mother, shows us what love is and whence it draws its origin and its constantly renewed power. To her we entrust the Church and her mission in the service of love:

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
you have given the world its true light,
Jesus, your Son – the Son of God.
You abandoned yourself completely to God's call
and thus became a wellspring
of the goodness which flows forth from him.
Show us Jesus. Lead us to him.
Teach us to know and love him,
so that we too can become capable of true love
and be fountains of living water
in the midst of a thirsting world." (*Deus Caritas Est* 2005)

Funeral Mass of Benedict XVI:

The Funeral Mass will take place at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) in Rome on Thursday 5 January 2023. It is very likely that the ceremony will be streamed on the Vatican Youtube site, as well as on other online sites on the day.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>