THIS WEEK:

Exposition and Confessions after the 10am Mass each weekday. **TUESDAY: Conversion of Saint Paul.** Final day of Christian Unity Week. **THURSDAY: Holocaust Memorial Day** FRIDAY: 10am & 6.30pm Mass

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES TOTAL for December: £17,635.78 Average for each week was £4,409 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION (for our homeless ministry) plus regular homeless collection: £6,597.41 Thank you so much! 35% of Sunday donations are now by bank transfer and card payments.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE: Please pray for sister Lydia our volunteer in Social Apostolate. Her family's house was destroyed by a typhoon and she lost a close family member.

We are open: Monday 11 – 3 pm; Tuesday to Thursday 1 – 3 pm. We're helping about 50 people on each day. This is possible only with help of your donations and prayers, and of volunteers.

All are welcome to volunteer.

https://tinyurl.com/yckp39dr

Click the link below to watch a lovely video of our Christmas prayer and meal for homeless: https://tinyurl.com/yc2wmu3w

CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening 6.30pm (Vigil Mass); Sunday Mass at 8am, 9:30am and 11am

Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 7:30pm

Mass in Spanish: 4.30pm

Monday — Saturday: 10am Mass Friday: Evening Mass at 6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation:

in the church after 10am Mass each weekday, or by appointment at the Presbytery.

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ. Assistant Priests: Fr. John McCabe SJ,

Fr. Mateusz Konopiński SJ

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ (JRS), Fr. John Moffatt SJ (LJC), Br. Stephen Power SJ (Admin), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS), Mr. Christopher Brolly SJ (St. Ignatius College) Sacristan: Sr. Eugenia Geraghty OSM.

Parish Secretary: Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 Or leave a message. 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 Representative: Attracta Asika 079 0544 5938



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Sunday of the Word of God

We are in the week of prayer for Christian Unity, which takes place every year leading up to the feast of the Conversion of St Paul (on Tuesday). We observe this week sincerely, but not much progress can be observed or recorded from one year to the next. Perhaps we are not praying (or working) hard enough. All the Christian churches revere the Bible: it is one thing we have in common, with the exception of a few Old Testament books. This Sunday has been devoted by Pope Francis to 'the Word of God', and the readings today give two examples of people listening to the Word of God being read to them: by Ezra in a square in Jerusalem and by Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth, where he is able to proclaim to them that the passage of Isaiah that he has read in being fulfilled 'today, even as you listen'; but his hearers were not ready to believe, as we will hear next Sunday. There is a sense in which the scripture is always being fulfilled, although some parts of it we may find difficult to understand or apply to our own situation, as the cultural background is so different. But we are invited today to renew our appreciation of the Word of God, encouraged perhaps by St Luke, who tells us today about the trouble he took to ensure that what he wrote in his Gospel was right.

Yesterday in El Salvador the **Jesuit martyr Rutilio Grande** and his two lay associates were beatified. They were martyred on 12 March 1977. There are prayer cards by the picture of him with St Oscar Romero. Please take as many as you like (within reason) to share with others. We pray for a miracle so that he may be canonised. [Fr. John]

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our programme begins today after the llam Mass. Please pray for the children, their parents and for our catechists. there are no places left for the course this year. PLEASE Volunteer to be a Catechist for the programme. Training will be provided. Sessions are on five Sundays after the morning Mass. We need two or three volunteers please. Contact Aga at 020 8800 2202

The omicron variant of COVID transmits very easily from your nose to other people. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK OVER NOSE AND MOUTH AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH INCLUDING WHEN YOU ARE SINGING, and please do not sit directly behind someone else if at all possible.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE FOR THE COLLECTION COUNT

We need urgently to refresh our teams of counters of the collection. With the right number you will only be needed every other week (or even less). Counting takes place early afternoon on a weekday, so might suit a carer on your way to collecting your child from school. Please call Elisabete and leave a message if you can help. 020 8442 5233



THE VACCINE BUS WILL BE ON THE GROUND BESIDE THE CHURCH next **SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY, 9:30-4pm**. If you are 16+, and have not yet received a vaccine or are due to receive your 2nd dose, or a booster, please take the opportunity to protect your health, the health of others and the doctors, nurses and staff of the NHS.

2nd dose: 8 weeks after 1st. Booster: 3 months after 2nd.

Vaccines offered: Pfizer & Moderna.

Please pray for **Sr Eugenia**, our sacristan. She fell on Christmas Eve and is slowly recovering after an operation. We do not know yet how long the recuperation will take. She is very grateful for all the prayers and expressions of concern.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



RCIA: If you are an adult who has not been baptised and wish to become a Catholic Christian please contact the parish office. Three baptised candidates have completed their preparation to become Catholic and will be received and confirmed early in the New Year along with the unconfirmed Catholic adult.





