

THIS WEEK:

Today: Sunday of the Word of God

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

Thursday: Presentation. Candles blessed at 10am Mass.

Friday: Blessing of Throats.

Monday and Friday: also 6:30pm Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER: Total: £9,671.89

Weekly average: £3,224

Christmas Offering (for our social apostolate): £6,199.33

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Standing order and contactless donations were greater than cash this month. Thank you!!

Social Apostolate We welcome all people who need help and support. We offer a hot meal, sandwiches, fruit, seasonal clothes and toiletries.

Mondays: breakfast and help 11 am
Monday - Wednesday lunch (a hot Polish soup) 1-3 pm.

Very Cold weather: if you see a homeless person on the street, you can call: **Homeless link:**

0207 840 44 30

www.streetlink.org.uk/Streetlink_fa

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}

Divine Mercy: Monday 30 January after the 6.30pm Mass

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.*

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ.

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)

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



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29 January, 2023

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday is the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. It is the day that commemorates the event when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to make the offering to God as prescribed by the books of Jewish Law. In Christian tradition it was the end of Christmastide, and the crib was taken down and stored for the following Christmas.

The beautiful Gospel reading for the Feast is the encounter of the parents with the holy man Simeon, who had for many years longed to see “the Christ of the Lord”, as well as with the prophetess Anna, who prayed in the temple for most of her life.

Meetings with the Saviour do not depend on rank or status, but on faithfulness and hope. This message becomes even more explicit in Jesus’ own teaching, such as the wonderful sermon he gives in the Gospel of today, known as the “sermon on the mount”. Jesus’ words would have been a surprise to those who were blessed to hear him. Far from being shunned or neglected because of their weakness and sin, Jesus embraces all who are searching for a sign of hope and for forgiveness. This active seeking out of ordinary people seeking repentance and forgiveness will be even stronger during the Lenten season, which is approaching soon. The prophet Zephaniah reminds the people of the importance of faithfulness and honesty: “Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility.”

Response to the Psalm Today: How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: The Christian Mother's Association are looking for new members. If you would like to join, please contact Agnes on 07444 707802.

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.

UNA DALY & friends are doing a 10 mile sponsored walk on Sun 29 Jan to fundraise for the Royal London Hospital, where she stayed for 2 weeks last year after an accident. If you would like to sponsor her, or join the walk, please visit:
www.justgiving.com/page/una-daly-1673812462776

Thank you. God bless, Una.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

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

NEXT WEEKEND: RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is, 'All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk, pray and work together'

This reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation'.

St Augustine of Hippo once remarked, 'We should pray as if everything depended upon God and work as if everything depended upon us'. An observation which reminds us that our prayer and work complement each other. When applied to racial justice what else but walking together, in the full meaning of those words, can be the result. So we should pray fervently for racial justice.

To pray together we have to be together. How sad it is when one chooses a particular church to worship in in order to avoid those of other races. How pleasing to see parishioners of all races and nationalities freely assemble together to pray for the needs of the Church, the world and their own needs. (Bishop Paul McAleenan)

