THIS WEEK:

Mon — Sat: 10am Mass Exposition and Confessions to 11am unless other service to follow.

Monday, Friday: 6.30pm

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES SEPTEMBER: £ 12,484.19 Week average: £3,121 (Donations by Contactless, SO and online: £5,464.93) Many thanks!

NOVEMBER: Remembering our dead. Names may be added in the book by the Crucifix.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE: Monday

(11am-3pm), Tuesday & Wednesday (1pm-3pm). Welcome to all.

READINGS: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13, Matthew 23:1-12

Joining the Catholic Church:

Our new RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults) group is up and running. The meeting is on **Thursday**, **16 November at 19:00.** Anyone who would like to take part still has the opportunity to sign up. We especially invite young people aged 18+ who have not yet been confirmed.

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil); Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11 Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 6:30^{pm} Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm} Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass **Evening Mass Monday and Friday at** 6.30^{pm} **Divine Mercy: every last Monday** after evening 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. Rosary: 11am each weekday.

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 **Resident Jesuits**: Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. John Moffatt SJ (LJC), Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ (Congo), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS). **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

St Ignatius 31st Sunday Year A 5th November, 2023

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Listening in the silence to the voice of the Holy Spirit

The Synod of the Church has come to the end of its first phase, and, after several months of allowing the process to take its root deeper in the life of the Church, the delegates will take up their work again next October. Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of charitable and prayerful listening to all interested voices, and to allow time for prayerful silence so that the heart may sense the guidance of the Holy Spirit leading us all for the good of the whole Church. Over the next few months some of the results so far will emerge so that we may participate through our prayer and reflections. Further news about this will be forthcoming.

In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the importance of not holding on to legal requirements as if they are the final arbiter in the face of the more important commandment of loving God and our neighbour. Jesus wants us to release our heavy burdens, to remember that his "yoke is easy and burden is light".

At a deeper level he also invites us to consider how we behave as followers of Christ. Are we hard-hearted, unforgiving, seeking status, quick to judge others? Or do we follow the "little way" of St Theresa of Lisieux, through little virtues, and little acts of holiness during our daily life, seeking the good in others, and being more patient and forgiving.

CHURCH HEATING: There are several areas of our boiler house (in the basement) that need to be cleared of asbestos before repair work can be carried out on main central heating pipes under the floor. If all goes well we may have some heat before Christmas. Please pray that this work proceeds without difficulty! Thank you for your patience.

Responsorial Psalm: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER: For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Our Youth Choir which sings at the 9.30 Mass is looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Fridays 6.15pm - 7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text/Whatsapp Ann on 07793 751261

CONFIRMATION: Soon we will begin the Confirmation programme for teenagers from our parish. 47 candidates will be preparing for several months to receive the Sacrament on 27th April 2024. We start the programme with individual interviews with candidates and their families on Friday 10th November from 17:30. The catechist team is looking forward to meeting our young parishioners. All candidates will be introduced to the parish at the Mass of Enrolment on 26th November at 11:00.

QR Code for your Sunday Offertory/ Tithe [with your phone]: Please click on the code to make your donation. Thank you!



NHS VACCINATION DAY

We are making available our **parish hall** and rooms on **Thursday 9th November from 10am to 5pm** so that NHS may provide vaccinations (COVID and Flu) to all who are eligible. This will be a good way to boost your immunity

before the winter really sets in. Please take a leaflet as you leave the church and spread the word about this opportunity for all. For more information please use the QR Code or use this link: nhs.co.uk/wintervaccinations





Please help our ministry to the poor and the homeless by using the Caritas Advent Giving Calendar. Items may be dropped off at the Presbytery.

Thank you for your

generosity.

