THIS WEEK:

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

Monday, Friday: 6.30pm Friday: The Immaculate Conception. Mass at 10am and 6.30pm

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES OCTOBER: £15,177.10 Week average: £3,035 Thank you for your generosity.

**SOCIAL APOSTOLATE:** Monday (11am-3pm), Tues & Wed (1pm-3pm). Welcome to all.

READINGS: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

#### **Funerals:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our volunteer LESZEK LAR who has died after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

**BISHOP John Sherrington** will be with us at all Masses next weekend. Please join him for tea/coffee and a chat after each Mass next weekend. He will also preach at the Masses. The last official visitation of the parish was in January, 2018. Saturday Evening 6.30<sup>pm</sup> (Vigil); Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11 Polish (po polsku): 12.30<sup>pm</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup> Mass in Spanish: 4.30<sup>pm</sup> Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass Evening Mass Monday and Friday at 6.30<sup>pm</sup> 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.* 

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

### 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 1st Advent Year B 3rd December, 2023

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## Advent: New Year in the Church—Stay Awake!

The turning of the calendar year is marked with public celebrations, fire-works etc. The turning of the Church's year can pass almost unnoticed, especially since the Gospel today continues the theme of the last few Sundays. But today is the Church's new year, the beginning of the season of Advent, leading up to and preparing us for Christmas. In this year the Sunday Gospels are taken largely from St Mark, the first and shortest of the Gospels, supplemented from time to time by readings from St John.

Today's short extract comes from the end of the discourse Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his Passion; and four times in almost as many lines they are told to 'stay awake'. And what did they do? As soon as they got to Gethsemane they fell asleep. But the kind of wakefulness they and we need is spiritual. We are not waiting for the turning of the year in the calendar sense; we are waiting for the end of all calendars, and all years, when the Son of man comes in his glory, as described in last Sunday's Gospel. And that coming is not going to be marked on any calendar. As Jesus told his disciples before his Ascension: 'It is not for you to know times and seasons'; it is for us to get on with the business of

witnessing to the Gospel in the details of our daily lives. That is what it means to 'stay awake'. (Fr. John McCabe SJ)



Responsorial Psalm: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.



# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**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

**ASBESTOS removal** has been completed. Stage 2 now begins: Structural adaptation to gain access to the broken central heating pipe.

**Please dress very warmly** if you come to the church. Men are always permitted to wear a hat or other non-obtrusive headwear to keep warm.

QR Code for your Sunday Offertory/ Tithe [with your phone]:



Please click on the code to make your donation. Thank you!

# **NHS HERE TUESDAY 10am to 5pm.** COVID and FLU vaccines available to all eligible people. Parish Offices.

The Advent Giving Calendar suggests an item to donate to your local food bank or other outreach project each day in December. Please help our ministry to the poor and the homeless by using the Caritas Advent Giving Calendar. Items may be dropped off at the church or in the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity. THIS WEEK: December 4: Cooking Oil December 5: Cereal December 6: Tinned Sweet Corn December 7: Nappies December 8: Dried herbs or spices

**December 9: Cleaning Product** 



# CHRISTMAS EVE:

Latin American Mass at 7pm Polish Mass at 9pm English ("Midnight") Carols and Mass from 10:15pm

No Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY: English Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am Polish Mass at 12.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) St Stephen: 10am Mass
27, 28, 29: 10am Mass only
30 (Saturday): Mass at 10am and 6:30pm

31 (Sunday) Holy Family: Mass at usual times. **Midnight:** *MIDNIGHT MASS of the NEW YEAR* January 1 MARY MOTHER OF GOD English Mass at 10am