

THIS WEEK:

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

Monday (in the Day Chapel) and
Friday: Evening Mass at 6.30pm

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER: £14,125.68

Week average: £2,825

Christmas Collection: £10,283.58

Thank you for your generosity.

READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19, 1
Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20, John
1:35-42.

First Holy Communion course
continues today from 11am Mass
onward.

CPM Prayer group: Next meeting is
5pm Sunday 21 January.

The social apostolate thank you to all
the people who participated in the
preparation of the Christmas dinner
for the homeless. The common Mass,
singing carols and a hot meal were
events that united people. It was a
special and touching time for all of us.
We would especially like to thank our
parish priest Father Andrew and
Father John for their help in preparing
the Holy Mass and their spiritual care
for the entire event.



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/Padre Pio: tba

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
Representative: Aga Wiecek, 077 3681 9943*



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PEACE SUNDAY

For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice.

Certainly, governments around the world are taking the development of AI seriously. In November, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak invited experts and world leaders to a summit, expressly to look at AI and safety. Prior to the summit, he affirmed that, whilst we should not be alarmist, and that there are undoubtedly benefits for humanity in the development of AI, "get this wrong," he said, "and AI could make it easier to build chemical or biological weapons." Further he said, in the most extreme case, there is even a risk that humanity might lose control of AI completely, experts warning earlier in the year that, "Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war."

In that light, Pope Francis is raising a highly contemporary theme and one he has spoken on before when he has addressed the risks in the development of technology, not least in *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*. He has already said it is a theme he will return to on World Communications Day 2024, when he will consider 'Artificial Intelligence and wisdom of the heart for a fully human communication'.

For many of us, the first question is: 'what exactly is 'Artificial Intelligence'? It is a concept that has entered our everyday language and yet we are not quite sure what it encompasses. Inevitably, there are a number of definitions but that used by the UK Information Commissioner is helpful:

"AI is an umbrella term for a range of technologies and approaches that

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

often attempt to mimic human thought to solve complex tasks. Things that humans have traditionally done by thinking and reasoning are increasingly being done by, or with the help of, AI.”

What are our concerns as peacemakers in the development of AI? First there is the direct impact of AI on war and weapons. Drone Wars UK warn that AI is seen by the world’s military powers as a way to revolutionise warfare and gain an advantage over enemies. Worrying military applications of AI are already being rolled out and those in development pose threats to our lives, human rights and wellbeing.

Then there are the fundamental concerns that Pope Francis raised when he announced his theme for the World Day of Peace: the need to be vigilant that a “logic of violence and discrimination” doesn’t take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home. It is a theme to which we will need to keep returning.

Prayer

God our creator and sustainer,

We thank you for the gifts of creativity you have given us, for the ability to explore science and understand your creation.

We ask your forgiveness for the times we have used science for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace.

Make us vigilant as we develop technology, that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fueled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost.

May all that we create contribute to peace and justice.

Amen

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

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION JANUARY: For the gift of diversity in the Church



We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Jesuits Missions Coffee Morning

Come and join us on **Sunday 21st January** after the 9.30am and 11am Masses, for a special coffee morning being held to showcase the work and campaigns of Jesuit Missions.

Jesuits Missions is the international mission and development organisation of Jesuits in Britain. For more than 60 years they have supported communities in the global south.

Their mission is to empower the vulnerable and help local communities to build a more sustainable future. They campaign on the impact of the environmental crisis on the poor and marginalised, conduct advocacy campaigns, and support a range of projects including areas such as anti-human trafficking, education, skills training, and sustainable agriculture.

Brother Stephen Power SJ, Chair of the Jesuits Missions Management Board, alongside **Dee Olayinka** the Jesuit Missions’ Parish Promoter will be available to have a chat and discuss what’s happening at Jesuit Missions.

Do pop by to have a chat, coffee/tea (especially in this cold weather) and hear about the amazing work that Jesuit Missions does and how you can get involved in creating a more just world!

For further information on the work of Jesuits Missions, please scan the QR code which will link you to the website, alternatively visit www.jesuitmissions.org.uk

