

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
Tuesday: Evening Padre Pio Mass
at 6.30pm (Day Chapel)

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER: £14,125.68

Week average: £2,825

Christmas Collection: £10,283.58

Thank you for your generosity.

READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5,10,
1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20.

CPM Prayer group: Next meeting is
5pm today Sunday.

Phones: While the parish phone
system is being repaired by BT
you can leave messages on the
emergency number 07510
540700.

2023 necessary church repairs:

Asbestos removal: £12,648

Electric system: £5,900

Fire alarm system: £9,390



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: 2nd and
4th Tuesday at 6.30pm

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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Repent and Believe the Good News

As we learn from the Acts of the Apostles a place called Antioch, now Antakya in Turkey, was the second centre of Christianity after Jerusalem and before Rome. Around the year 100 a man called Ignatius was the third 'bishop' (modern equivalent parish priest) of Antioch. He was arrested and taken to Rome to be thrown to the lions, and on his way there he wrote letters to the 'churches', local Christian communities on or near his route, to encourage them to keep the faith. One of his principal themes was the need for unity, he harps on it almost to exhaustion, but they must stick together, in order to give proper witness to the Gospel as well as for mutual support. And even though these communities were small in numbers (they could all come together on a Sunday), if they want to attract others they must be united among themselves, and we know from the New Testament that even from earliest times divisions could arise quite easily.

We are in the annual week of prayer for Christian unity, which recognises that division is a scandal that impedes the spread of the Gospel. Unfortunately it isn't only particular denominations that are divided from one another (our 'separated brethren'); within the churches there is disagreement and division. The Catholic church is divided on both doctrine and practice, the Anglican communion is likewise divided. Both the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury have the almost impossible task of trying to keep their flocks together, not to mention the other Christian denominations. How many different places of worship did you pass on your way here? The Orthodox churches are also divided, which is part of the problem between Russia and Ukraine.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.

And it is not only Christians who are divided: Both Judaism and Islam are likewise split into groups holding different views and interpretations of their respective scriptures and traditions. Jesus' opening words in his public ministry were 'Repent and believe the Good News': two things, the second dependent on the first. Repentance, a re-think, a reorientation of one's life, quite independent of any consideration of sin, is required in order to be able to believe the Good News; and acceptance of the Gospel message itself requires a further reformation in one's personal way of life. Prayer for Christian unity is all well and good, but it won't come about without effort and attempts at reconciliation. It is something we should be aware of not just during one week in the year but have continually in mind as part of our Christian witness. (Fr. John)

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

HEATING: The engineers are expected tomorrow (Monday) to begin to repair the main pipe for the central heating. Please pray that all goes well.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE: If there is a problem with the machines please use this QR code and enter payment information to make your donations. Many thanks.



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: Today (Sunday)



Come and join us today **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

