

## DATES FOR DIARY

**25th March – 1st April:** This year during Lent the parish is offering a **Week of Guided Prayer**. Participants are invited to commit to praying during this week for at least 30 minutes each day and to meet daily with someone who will accompany them and help them to discover God's leading in their lives. We usually manage to get 40-50 people in the parish joining in with our Week of Guided Prayer, but this year we hope for even more! No previous experience is needed and all are welcome. The dates for the Week of Guided Prayer are from Saturday, the 25th of March (opening with a meeting at 5.15pm) to Saturday, the 1st of April (closing with a meeting at 5.15pm).

## LATELY DEAD

**John Sneddon** – no arrangements known

**Theresa Kelly** – no arrangements known

## MUSIC

**10.00<sup>am</sup> Mass:** 466, 1013, 864, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 631, 960,

**11.30<sup>am</sup> Mass:**

**Entrance:** 683,

**Gloria:** 1013,

**Psalm:** as set,

**Alleluia:** Celtic

**Offertory:** O God your Goodness (Beethoven) + 604,

**Sanctus:** 1014,

**Acc:** 1015,

**Amen:** 1018,

**Agnus Dei:** 1019,

**Communion:** Subdue Us (Bach) + 663

**Final:** 960,

**Postlude:** Postlude in G Major (Stanford)

## USUAL TIMES FOR LITURGIES

### Sunday Masses

7<sup>pm</sup> [Sat evening – Vigil of Sunday]

8.30<sup>am</sup>, 10.00<sup>am</sup>, 11.30<sup>am</sup>, 6<sup>pm</sup>

4.30<sup>pm</sup> (Latin American, en español)

1.30<sup>pm</sup> & 7.30<sup>pm</sup> (Polish, po polsku)

### Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 10<sup>am</sup> & 6.30<sup>pm</sup>

Saturday: 10<sup>am</sup>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

in English:

Saturday: 10.30-11.15<sup>am</sup>; 6.00-6.45<sup>pm</sup>

in Polish (po polsku):

Sunday: 1.00-1.30<sup>pm</sup>; 6.00-6.45<sup>pm</sup>

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 10.30<sup>am</sup>–8<sup>pm</sup>

Other Fridays: 10.30–11.30<sup>am</sup> & 7–8<sup>pm</sup>

## PARISH STAFF & TEAM

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For appointments to see a priest, please phone, between 8am and 1pm Monday to Thursday

**Parish Priest:** Fr David Smolira SJ

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If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Officer:

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8th Sunday – Year A

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## SET YOUR HEART ON GOD

### TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

#### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

#### Readings

Isaiah 49:14-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

#### Responsorial Psalm

In God alone is my soul at rest.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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## SET YOUR HEART FIRST ON GOD'S KINGDOM

“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body and how you are to clothe it”. When reading these words of Jesus, we may have the impression that this is an invitation not to worry about our life and not to take any responsibility for it. Is this really the point? Jesus does not ignore our concerns, problems or needs; they really matter to Him.

However, He warns us not to be preoccupied with them too much. Excessive concern about the future destroys our strength and paralyses our ability to act, which often become damaging for us. This attitude prevents true spiritual development, which should be listening to and following the word of God. If we are not trying first and foremost to follow God's word, we are being diverted from the most important task of Christianity. However, we can be comforted that Jesus does not leave us alone in this situation for he tells us “Set your hearts on God's kingdom first and on God's righteousness and all these other things will be given to you as well.” In this way, God invites us to consider our priorities. Christianity consists in putting God first and trusting that God will always care for us and give us what we need. God knows best what we really need and we must always put our first priority on God and our developing relationship with Him. I think that St Ignatius of Loyola helps us with a proper Christian understanding of how to do this. He says: “trust as if everything depends on God, act as if everything depends on you.”

So, we need to reflect on who we trust most in our lives. Is God at the centre of my life? Do I believe that God really is concerned for my well-being and will hear my prayers? Can I say with real honesty that I seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness above all else?

Let us pray for the grace to deepen our faith and understanding of the message Jesus gives us in today's Gospel that if we set our hearts on God and God's righteousness before our concerns for anything else, then all the other things that we need will be given to us.

Fr Bogdan Leśniak SJ

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## SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

**The Nigerian Catholic Association** will meet in the Arrupe Room from 1-2pm today.

**Last Sunday's Collection: £3,160.10.** As usual, thank you very much for your generosity.

**The Counters this Week:** Group F (Monday)

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## PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

**Polish Council:** Congratulations to Arek Drabik who has been appointed the new Chair of the Polish Council and will now also sit on the Parish Council. Arek, his wife Mariola and their two children live in Tottenham Hale and have been coming to St Ignatius for the last nine years.

**Volunteers Needed:** As most of you will know, for several years now we have offered a hot, sit-down lunch to homeless people on Mondays and Fridays. For the last couple of months, this has had to be reduced to only having this meal available once a week, because of a lack of volunteers. If you would be willing to help out with the preparation and service of a hot meal for the homeless on Mondays, please give your name and telephone number to Fr David or Sr Eugenia. We especially need men to volunteer, though, of course, women would be more than welcome too.

**Parish Justice and Peace Group:** Don't forget that St Ignatius will be soon be starting its own Justice and Peace Group and the meeting to discuss this idea further will be on Friday, the 3rd of March at 7.15pm in the presbytery. It is hoped that everyone who is interested in being a part of this group and also those who are interested in finding out more about the connection between our faith and Justice & Peace will attend this meeting. Please ask your friends to come along too. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Mass for Couples:** As one response to the questionnaire that we invited the parish to complete in our Year for Couples & Families, we are inviting all couples (English and Polish-speaking) to a special mass on Sat-

urday, the 11th of March at 4.00pm, followed by a social event. During the social, children will have their own supervised playtime to give you a chance to relax with other couples.

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## OTHER ITEMS

**Charismatic Renewal:** The golden jubilee celebration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal will take place on Saturday, the 4th of March at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. The cost is £12 and bookings can be made online at [www.ccr.org.uk](http://www.ccr.org.uk) or by calling 07752 134833. More details on the noticeboard in the church porch.



**Mass for Bereaved Parents:** The Mass for bereaved parents will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 11th of March at 2.30pm. The mass will be a time to remember, to pray for, to give thanks and to entrust children who have died to the Lord. All are welcome to attend.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

**Fairtrade Fortnight** runs between 27th February and 12th March. The Fairtrade stall will be open next Sunday, the 26th February. Please consider buying a product and so support the producers and workers by ensuring they get a fair price for their goods and services.



**Pancake Evening:** On Tuesday, 28th February, at 7.15pm, come and find out about Fairtrade. An interactive evening of discussion, short videos and lots of Fairtrade products to try for FREE as well as freshly made Pancakes (since its Shrove Tuesday). Everyone Welcome!