

## DATES FOR DIARY

**Plant Sale:** After all morning masses on Sunday, the 26th of March (Mothers Day), there will be the annual Parish Plant and Cake Sale. Donated gifts will also be on sale. This will be in aid of the church renovation fund. If you have items to donate to the sale, please contact Pauline on 020 8808 1268.

## SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

**Sponsored Walk – CARIS-Haringey:** There will be a brief introduction to the work of CARIS-Haringey, the charity we will be supporting this year, at the end of all masses today. Sponsor forms for the Sponsored Walk will be available after mass. The walk will take place on Sunday, the 23rd of April. More details to follow. We hope for an even larger number of walkers than last year, so do please put this date in your diary.

## LATELY DEAD

**Samuel White** – Funeral 12.00 noon, Thursday, 23rd March.

## MUSIC

**10.00<sup>am</sup> Mass:** 955, 1012, 609, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 749, 960

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

**Entrance:** 955, **Kyrie:** 501, **Psalm:** as set, **Acc:** 187, **Offertory:** Be still for the presence (Shephard, arr. Evans) + 606, **Sanc-tus:** 505a, **Acc:** 506, **Agnus Dei:** 509, **Communion:** Hide not thou thy face (Farrant) + 662, **Final:** 960, **Postlude:** Fugue in B Minor (Bach)

## 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

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121  
For appointments to see a priest, please phone, between 8am and 1pm Monday to Thursday

**Parish Priest:** Fr David Smolira SJ

**Assistant Priests:** Fr Michael Bossy SJ,  
Fr Gerard Gallen SJ, Fr Mateusz  
Konopiński SJ, (Polish/English),  
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**Jesuit Superior:** Fr Hugh Duffy SJ

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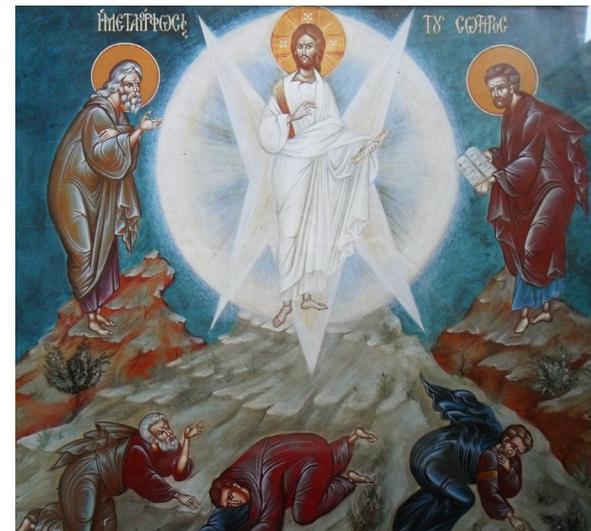
**Parish Council Chair:**  
Mathew D'Souza Tel: 07717 172003

If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Officer: Attracta Asika 07494 366233



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2nd Sunday of Lent – Year A

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## LISTEN TO HIM

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

### Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### Readings

Genesis 12:1-4; Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

### Responsorial Psalm

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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## DO NOT BE AFRAID

Before Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, there are five Sundays in the season of Lent. On Sundays three, four and five there are different gospels each year according to a three-year cycle, but ever since the emergence of Lent many centuries ago the gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus in the desert and the Transfiguration have been read on the first and second Sundays respectively. Clearly the church has thought that there is something particularly important about these episodes in the life of Jesus. Why should that be? Maybe it is easier to understand the significance of the temptations, since we are being reminded that Lent is a time for us to look carefully at our lives and to see where we are letting God do the leading and where we prefer to go our own way without reference to him. Jesus too was tempted but with prayer and fasting he was able to reject the bad or the seemingly good and choose the true good. "With Christ, it was always yes to God", as Saint Paul says.

But the Transfiguration? A bit more puzzling, since it seems so removed from anything in our own life. While it is maybe useless to try and speculate on the inner psychological experiences of Jesus I wonder if it would help to see Jesus on the top of this mountain having such a powerful sense of how much he was loved by his Father that his whole outward aspect was changed and the apostles, struggling later to describe the scene, could only speak of his face shining like the sun and his clothes being as white as the light. And surely this could be only a foretaste of his resurrection, when God's power would raise him out of death? "This is my Son, the beloved", the exact same words used earlier at Jesus' baptism, expressing the intimate connection between our own baptism and the death and resurrection of Christ.

The apostles were overcome with fear, but Jesus touched them and said, "Stand up, do not be afraid." It is the consoling and encouraging touch of Jesus in our lives that enables us now to go forward as his disciples. The word in the original translated as "Stand up" is the same word as is used in the last sentence of today's gospel to refer to the resurrection of Jesus. In other words we are being invited by him already to share in his risen life, and that constant message not to be afraid is being addressed to each one of us personally. We can continue our Lenten journey with faith and courage.

Fr Hugh Duffy S.J.

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## SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

**Last Sunday's Collection: £3,085.64.** Thank you for your generosity.

**The Counters this Week:** Group D

**CAFOD:** Lenten Fast envelopes are to be returned today. Please place envelopes or your cash donations in the second collection which will be taken after communion today.

**Ghanaian Catholic Association:** Meeting after the 11.30am Mass in the presbytery.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** Some people have reported that they have run out of envelopes. Your new supply will be given out on the 2nd and 9th of April, but if you need envelopes now, please telephone Beta on 020 8442 5234 and she will supply them to you. If you also want to start using Planned Giving Envelopes, please ask Beta and she will make the necessary arrangements. Your continuing financial support is very much appreciated!

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## THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

**2nd Lent Talk:** This Lent, the Tuesday evening series of talks is on "Better Understanding the Mass. These talks will deepen our understanding of what mass is all about. This Tuesday, the 14th of March at 7.15pm in the presbytery, the talk will be given by Fr Damian Howard SJ and will focus on the Liturgy of the Word. Please note that these talks are aimed at ordinary parishioners, not theologians. All are welcome!

**3rd Lent Film Night:** The third of the Lenten Film Nights takes place this Thursday, the 16th of March at 7.15pm. The movie this week is about Barabbas!

**"Know Your Rights" Housing Advice:** As promised rather a long time ago, St Ignatius Parish, now in conjunction with both the parish primary schools, will be offering 3 "Know Your Rights" housing advice sessions in March. With the help of London Citizens, we will be putting on these sessions where law students from UCL will be come to offer advice on the many problems associated with housing in Hackney and Haringey. If you need help and advice, please come along to one or more of the sessions. Tuesday, 14th March at 5.00pm at St Mary's Priory Primary

School, Wednesday, 15th March at 5.00pm at St Ignatius Primary and Wednesday the 22nd of March at 7.15pm at St Ignatius Church (in the presbytery).

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## PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

**Week of Guided Prayer:** If you are looking for a wonderful way to offer yourself more fully to God, then the Week of Guided Prayer is for you! Participants are invited to commit to praying for a week in Lent and to meet daily with someone who will accompany them and help them to discover God's leading in their lives. 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).

**Parish Justice & Peace Group:** We had our first meeting on Friday the 3rd of March, and a small but enthusiastic group gathered to discuss what role a Justice & Peace group could have in the parish. We are already doing a number of important things in the area of social justice (eg: working to promote Fair Trade, helping the homelessness, supporting the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service, etc) but we could be doing more and be more involved in some national and international justice issues. As a Jesuit Parish, we all need to recognise the inseparable link between faith and justice and work together to help bring about God's Kingdom of justice, love and peace. If you are passionate about God's justice and you want to help others in the parish to become involved, please come along to our next meeting on Monday, the 3rd of April at 7.15pm in the presbytery. We hope to identify some immediate priorities at this meeting, so do come and make your views known.