

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We hope to provide hampers for those who are in need at Christmas, as we did last year. Dry foodstuffs and tinned goods will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your generosity!



NEW WEB PAGE

We hope that you like our new web page. We still need some time to complete all information. If you can help us please contact: mkonopinski@jezuici.pl. Thank you for your help!

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died.

Mary Cullen (funeral here, 8th Dec 12 noon)
Sebastiana Fernandes (funeral here, 9th Dec 10.00)

MUSIC

10.00^{am} Mass:

865, 1012, 971, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 631, 722

11.30^{am} Mass:

Entrance: 969,

Kyrie: 1012

Psalm: as set,

Alleluja: Folk

Offertory: Ave Maria (Arcadelt) + 604,

Sanctus: 1014,

Acc: 1015,

Amen: 1018,

Agnus Dei: 1019,

Communion: Jesu Joy (Bach) + 109,

Final: 721,

Postlude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Bach)

USUAL TIMES FOR LITURGIES

Sunday Masses

7^{pm} [Sat evening – Vigil of Sunday]

8.30^{am}, 10.00^{am}, 11.30^{am}, 6^{pm}

4.30^{pm} (Latin American, en español)

1.30^{pm} & 7.30^{pm} (Polish, po polsku)

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 10^{am} & 6.30^{pm}

Saturday: 10^{am}

Sacrament of Reconciliation

in English:

Saturday: 10.30-11.15^{am}; 6.00-6.45^{pm}

in Polish (po polsku):

Sunday: 1.00-1.30^{pm}; 6.00-6.45^{pm}

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday: 10.30^{am}–8^{pm}

Other Fridays: 10.30–11.30^{am} & 7–8^{pm}

PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121

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

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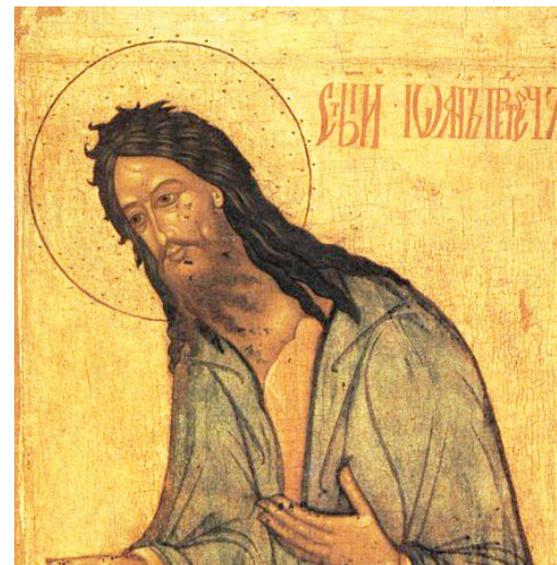
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If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Officer: [Attracta Asika 07494 366233](mailto:Attracta.Asika@stignatius.org)



4th December 2016
2nd Sunday of Advent – Year A

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PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD!

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

In His days, justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR

“Repent from your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near”. With these words, Matthew the Evangelist introduces us into the mystery of the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent is not only a joyful expectation of Christmas, but it is also a time of a profound change of our hearts for the Second Coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. What is conversion? Why do we have to convert? Does everyone have to convert? What happens to someone who converts? What is really important in the process of conversion, and what is the obstacle? Conversion is a change of the mindset of a person, their constant effort to overcome evil and do good. Moreover, conversion expresses willingness to live with God and other people in love and harmony and requires allegiance to our obligations resulting from the Sacrament of Baptism. This is usually a long process, as it involves becoming familiar with a new reality, which is not always easy! There are two types of conversion in Christianity. The first one is called extraordinary conversion, an example of which is Saint Paul. In this conversion, God has his reasons to give him the grace of profound change at once. Whereas the second type is called ordinary conversion (more typical for us), which requires enormous spiritual effort to open up to the grace of faith. I think that factors that help us in the process of spiritual transformation, among other things, include: remaining in the state of sanctifying grace and living in God’s presence, listening to the Word of God, daily examination of conscience, persevering prayer, and sacramental life. Whereas the obstacles are as follows: spiritual laziness, leading a sinful life, bad habits, laziness, superstitions, or aversion to Church teaching. Undoubtedly, the serious danger in this process can be called false conversion. It is characterised by the fact that a person apparently converts to God, remains in a relationship with other people, yet avoids confrontation both with themselves and with the concrete reality, in which they live. God invites each of us to straighten our paths. He gives our life meaning, heals our wounds, and gives us His peace, joy and love. We need to ask ourselves, how important is this Advent for our spiritual growth? Do I see it as another chance to change my way of thinking and see the world around me through the eyes of God? I think we should devote this time to working generously on the transformation of our own lives. God in His merciful love always comes to our aid.

Fr Bogdan Leśniak SJ

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

On this, the second Sunday of Advent, St John the Baptist appears at the Jordan urging the people to: “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” The prophet Isaiah said of John: “A voice cries in the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord.” Now is the time for us, also, to prepare more earnestly, a way for the Lord in our lives.

Eucharistic Ministers: Will be recommissioned today at the 11.30am Mass.

Last Sunday’s Collection: £3,427.75, for which many thanks.

The Counters this Week: Group E

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

Advent

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This is the day when we honour Mary who, because she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, was preserved from all stain of sin.



Advent Talks: On Tuesday, the 6th of December at 7.15pm we have the second of our Advent Talks from Fr Nick King SJ., entitled: “What is God doing?” Last week, Fr Nick helped us to see the relevance of the scriptures in our daily lives. We were encouraged by the large number of people who attended. We look forward to seeing even more parishioners this week!



Advent Film Nights: The second of our Advent Film Nights will take place on Thursday the 8th of December at 7.15pm. This week focusses on “Mary of Nazareth”. Do come along and experience a very special evening.



The Growing in Faith Christmas Newsletter is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

A Year for Couples and Families: Last Sunday, Fr David spoke at all Masses introducing us to this special year at St Ignatius. We were invited to show our support by praying every day for all couples and families.

DATES FOR DIARY

Reconciliation Service: This takes place on Monday the 12th of December at 7.30pm in the church. During the Year of Mercy, we were offered many extra opportunities to experience the grace of this Sacrament. Pope Francis continually encouraged us to return to our loving and merciful Father; “How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost!” Let us pray that these words will encourage us to come along to our Reconciliation Service and experience this tender mercy of God, our loving Father.



Hanukkah Celebration: This will take place at St Ignatius on Sunday the 18th of December from 4-7pm.



1st International Liturgical Music Workshop
You are invited to take part in an extraordinary event, taking place from 6.30pm on Friday, 13th Jan to 3.00pm on Sunday, 15th Jan 2017, including musical participation at the 11:30 and 1:30pm Sunday Parish Masses. We are going to teach, practice and finally perform beautiful English and Polish songs together. Everyone who loves singing or playing instruments is welcome. You will be guided through the process of learning the music and the songs and we will be helped to appreciate our voices and how to use them to best effect, to praise the Lord. There will be specialist sessions for both instrumentalists and singers. To book your place contact: Rafał Pratko: pratko@wp.pl or Justyna Masłowska: justys.maslowska@gmail.com. The cost is £30, including materials, refreshments and two lunches. Please pay on entry.