

DATES FOR DIARY

International Evening – Carol Singing:

On Saturday, the 7th of January from 5-8^{pm} we will be having another International Evening in the presbytery, this time with a focus on singing together Christmas Carols from various parts of the world. There will be food, and drink. It should be a wonderful evening!

International Liturgical Music Workshop:

This will take place here at St Ignatius from Friday, the 13th until Sunday, the 15th of Jan, 2017. It is for anyone interested in performing liturgical music and song. Please look at the notices in Church for more details.

LATELY DEAD

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

Brian Obeng (funeral here, 16th Dec, 12 noon)
Daniel Edeh Abah, the father of Ben Edeh

MUSIC

10.00^{am} Mass:

326, 1012, 94, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1018, 1019, 112

11.30^{am} Mass:

Entrance: 326,

Psalm: as set,

Alleluja: Celtic

Offertory: Be still for the presence of the Lord (Evans arr. Shephard) + 94,

Sanctus: 1014,

Acc: 1015,

Amen: 1018,

Agnus Dei: 1019,

Communion: A Carol for Advent (Besig), 938,

Final: 112,

Postlude: Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn (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

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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3rd Sunday of Advent – Year A

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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10, James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

Responsorial Psalm

Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting in hope. A time of preparation for the most significant event in the history of humanity. It is a time of growing expectation. But if you were to judge by the standards of ever growing consumer culture, it is primarily a time of ever increasing stress, preparing for something that we'd really rather not have to bother with. If you were to believe some, then Christmas day and in particular Christmas lunch or dinner, is something we just need to do but would rather not have those annoying relatives and friends coming round, expecting great amounts of food and drink at our expense! No wonder many talk of relief when "it's all over, thank God"!

We know, of course that this is to miss the whole point of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please note that they are, in fact, two distinct seasons one preceding the other. So what are we doing this Advent? Well, if you've been running around like a 'headless chicken' (or perhaps 'turkey' would be more appropriate!) then please, please, just stop! Take a deep breath, stop, think and pray! We are about to celebrate the greatest birthday ever and one which can never be repeated. What does it mean to you, personally, to get ready to welcome this God-child into your life? One thing is for sure, Mary and Joseph did not have time to prepare a big party or dinner. Keep it simple is my message for you this Advent. If you are blessed with a family being with you then pray for them and give thanks to God that they are simply there and you will not be alone. If you are fortunate enough to have children with you then take time, say last thing at night, to look on them with tenderness. When you visit a crib in the Christmas season look at how tenderly Mary and Joseph look upon this baby in the rough and ready cot. Simply prepare, this Advent, to look lovingly on the human life that God has blessed you with and give thanks to God that He comes once again to share it all with us. Amen.

Fr Gerard Gallen SJ

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." This is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-5, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is Gaudete (Latin for *Rejoice*).

11.30am Mass this Morning: The group of adults who are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter next year are going to be welcomed by the parish at a small ceremony at the beginning of the 11.30am Mass this Sunday. Please do make them welcome and keep them all in your prayers as they prepare themselves.

Questionnaire: At all masses this weekend we will be passing out the questionnaire about how we can better support couples and families in the parish. We ask all people over the age of 16 to complete the questionnaire.

Last Sunday's Collection: £3,102.70, for which many thanks.

The Counters this Week: Group F – the Monday group.

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

Advent

Reconciliation Service: The parish will be holding its Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday the 12th of December at 7.30pm. There will be a short time of reflection led by Fr Mark Aloysius SJ and there will be several priests available to hear individual confessions afterwards. Numbers attending our Reconciliation Services have been rather low in recent years, so please make every effort to come along and prepare well for the coming of Christmas.

Advent Talks: Fr Nick King SJ, the famous scripture scholar, will be giving us his third Advent talk this Tuesday from 7.15 – 8.45pm. This week's talk is entitled, "Hope for What is to Come". The talks have been really interesting and informative so far, so please do spare some time and come along.

Advent Film Nights: These take place on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm. This week's film is called "The Nativity". Refreshments will be available and a discussion will take place afterwards about the film's contents. Please come on time so you don't miss the start of the film. All are welcome!

PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

Christmas Hampers: A reminder that we are again collecting non-perishable food items and non-alcoholic drinks for our Christmas

Hampers for the needy. All donations can be put into the boxes in front of the Sacred Heart Altar. Please make sure that the goods offered are well within their "sell-by" date.

Poor Box: Please note that the box in the church where donations for the poor can be put has moved from under St Anthony's statue to a more secure location in the Sacred Heart chapel. This is to try and discourage thefts from the box. Please, rather than give money to beggars outside the church, show your support by putting money in the box so that we can ensure that it is used for those in genuine need.

Hanukkah & Advent: Next Sunday, the 18th of December, at 5.00pm in the Old Refectory at St Ignatius, the Council for Christians and Jews will be holding a joint Advent and Hanukkah service. All parishioners are most welcome to attend and celebrate this time of year with our Jewish neighbours. Fr Ashworth will be making a return visit to the parish to give a talk at this event and there will be singing from a Jewish choir and the Caribbean Choir. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Website Support Team: We are looking for one or two people who are computer literate and familiar with websites to volunteer to keep our new parish website up-to-date. We will also need people in the parish to provide material and electronic photos to be loaded onto the website. If you are willing to do either task, please give your name and phone number to Fr David.