

## MUSIC

**Entrance:** O Little Town of Bethlehem (127)

**Psalm:** Come to the Manger (139)

**Offertory:** Blest are you, Lord, God of all Creation (603)

**Post-Communion:** Silent Night (136)

**Recessional:** Holy Virgin, by God's Decree (366)

## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits  
to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see  
the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise  
Your glorious name.

Amen

## 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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1st January 2017  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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## MARY MOTHER OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

### Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

### Readings

Numbers: 6: 22-27; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 16-21

### Responsorial Psalm

O God, be gracious and bless us.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

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## IN HONOUR OF MARY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a wonderful salute to Mary as we begin a new year. It assures us that she journeys with us as we enter another year. We know that she stands with us in all our joys and sorrows, as she stood with Jesus at the foot of the cross. Pope Francis has written with great tenderness about Mary, and on this great feast, it is worth reflecting again on his words in the following passage:

“May the sweetness of Mary’s countenance watch over us, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness. No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the incarnation like Mary. Her entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. The Mother of the Crucified and Risen One has entered the sanctuary of divine mercy because she participated intimately in the mystery of his love. Chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, Mary, from the outset, was prepared by the love of God to be the Ark of the Covenant between God and all people. She treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son Jesus. Her hymn of praise, sung at the threshold of the home of Elizabeth, was dedicated to the mercy of God which extends from “generation to generation.” (Luke 1:50). We too were included in those prophetic words of the Virgin Mary. This is a source of comfort and strength to us. At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception.”

Let us pray that these words will help us to deepen our own love for Mary, remembering that she is our Mother of Mercy who is always there for us.

Sr Eugenia

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## SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

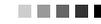
**Christmas Collections:** £5,758.82, many thanks for your generosity!

**Counters:** Group B

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## PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

**All Day Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction:** Friday, 6th January from 10.30-8.00pm, with Holy Hour at 7.00pm.



**International Evening – Carol Singing:** This coming Saturday, the 7th of January from 5-8pm we will be having an 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! Do come along and join in the fun!



**International Liturgical Music Workshop:** We invite all singers and musicians to the 1st International Liturgical Music Workshop which taking place at St Ignatius church from 6.30pm on Friday, 13th Jan to 3.00pm on Sunday, 15th Jan 2017. We are going to be taught, practice and finally perform beautiful English and Polish liturgical songs together. Everything will be taught in English. For more information, please see the posters in church or look on our website: [www.stignatius.co.uk](http://www.stignatius.co.uk). Please note that the closing date for applications is Tuesday, 3rd January 2016.



## THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

**The Society of Jesus celebrates its titular Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus on 3 January**

The abbreviation of ΙΗΣΟΥΣ, the Greek for ‘Jesus’, in the form ΙΗΣ (‘IHS’) appears in manuscripts from the second century, but it was in the Middle Ages that devotion in these isles took off. St Anselm, the twelfth century Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote a very popular ‘Prayer to the Name of Jesus’. St Bernard of Clairvaux, the great reformer of the Cistercians, preached a famous sermon in which he described the Holy Name as a balm which has three qualities: healing, nourishing and illuminating. This sermon still survives in the office of readings for the feast.

For example famously Joan of Arc had a great devotion to the Holy Name, her dying words being ‘Jesus, Jesus, Jesus’... and all of this was before the Society of Jesus even arrived on the scene. So although Ihs or IHS are often linked to the Jesuits, it is good for us to remember that we were latecomers to the scene and it is a devotion of the universal Church. According to Fr Nadal SJ, it was only after the vision of La Storta that Ignatius insisted on the Holy Name becoming the titular name of the Society of Jesus, in the face of much indignation and opposition.



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