

DATES FOR DIARY

Sunday, 5th February: White Flower Appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

11th February, 7.00pm: Thanksgiving Mass at St Ignatius for those who support the Soup Run.

21st February, 7.15pm: Parish Meeting (topic to be announced)

25th February, 12.00noon: Diaconate Ordination at St Ignatius for Jesuits in London preparing for the priesthood.

LATELY DEAD

Lorraine Herft

Funeral on 19th January at 12.00noon

Enid Prince (née Joseph)

Funeral details in due course

MUSIC

10.00^{am} Mass:

Entrance: 706,

Gloria: 1013,

Psalm: as set,

Alleluja: Celtic

Offertory: Be still for the presence (Shepherd, arr. Evans) + 600,

Sanctus: 1014,

Acc: 1015,

Amen: 1018,

Agnus Dei: 1019,

Communion: Author of Life Divine (McDowall) + 632,

Final: 749.

11.30^{am} Mass:

Music Provided by the participants of the International Music Workshop

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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St Ignatius

15th January 2017

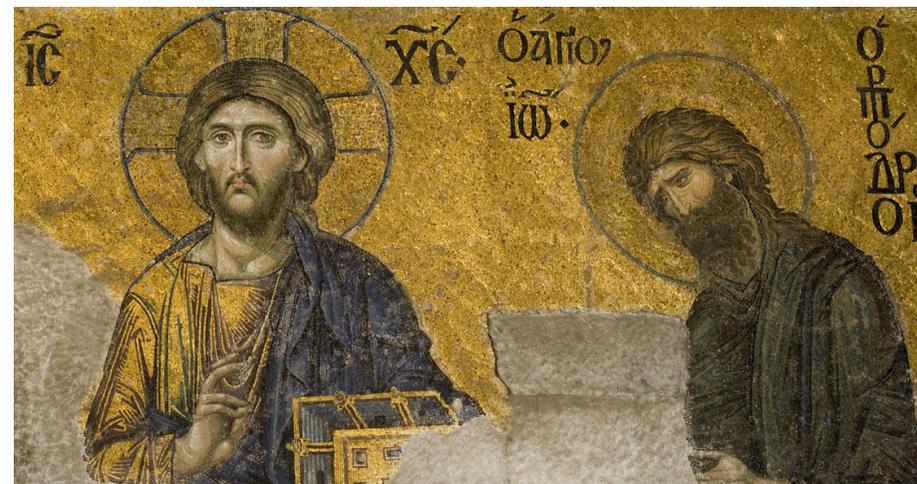
2nd Sunday – Year A

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THE LAMB OF GOD

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A TRUE WITNESS TO JESUS?

In today's Gospel, St John the Baptist teaches us how to be true witnesses to Jesus Christ. He says: "I did not know Him myself... I am the witness that He is the Chosen one of God". These quotes show the journey to becoming a true witness of Jesus. We are not born as witnesses, but we become witnesses through the experience that has its source in a living relationship with God. This relationship comes from deep prayer, careful listening and intimate dialogue with God. It leads us to putting what we hear and experience into action.

Nearly fifty years ago, Pope Paul VI said that the modern world needs more witnesses than teachers. It is definitely far easier to be a teacher, a leader, a master, or a guru than a living witness of the Gospel. Being a teacher is based on certain methods, techniques and content to convey them in an accessible way to their learners; whereas being a witness to Jesus Christ does not require extraordinary methods or intelligence, but only sharing the experience of God. It involves a lot of courage and even being ready for the rejection and contempt of others. True witnesses of the Gospel, like St John the Baptist, are not afraid to go "against the flow" of modern trends in political correctness or even fashion. They are people who are not ashamed to be faithful and righteous in every situation of life. Authentic testimony is born out of love and draws its power from love. Witnesses to faith can only be those who live by faith, and to live by faith means to give our lives for others.

What kind of witness am I? Am I afraid to be honest and righteous at my work, at home or in my neighbourhood? Am I ashamed to be a witness of Jesus, especially when it is inconvenient to me? Where do I stand? What kind of witness am I?

Bogdan Leśniak SJ

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

The Participants of the Music Workshop will be singing at the 11.30am and 1.30pm Masses this Sunday.

The Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation candidates is today also at the 11.30 am Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection: £2,834.50. Thanks for your continuing support.

The Counters this Week: Group D

PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

Thanks: Thanks to all who helped organise and who came along to the International Evening with Carols last Saturday. About 75 people came and we had a wonderful evening of feasting, singing, fun, socialising and celebrating our diversity. Those who missed it should look out for the next international social events – Family Fun Day on the 14th May, Parish Fiesta on the 16th July and the next International Evening on the 23rd of September. Why not put these dates in your diary now?

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

Christian Unity. The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Wednesday, the 18th and runs through to Wednesday, the 25th of January. During these 8 days you are invited to attend a daily unity service at one of our local Christian Churches. The schedule is below:

Wednesday 18th Jan, 8.00pm

Tottenham Baptist Church

Thursday 19th Jan, 1.00pm

Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Friday 20th Jan, 11.00am

St Mark's Methodist Church

Monday 23rd Jan, 12.00noon

High Cross United Reform Church

Tuesday 24th Jan, 10.45am

St Ignatius Catholic Church

Wednesday 25th Jan, 1.00pm

West Green Baptist Church

It is really important that as many parishioners as possible attend these services, including our own on Tuesday, the 24th of January at 10.45am. to pray for unity among the Christian Churches.

Here is the text of the prayer we will be using in the parish which we ask all parishioners to say every day of the octave:

Gracious God, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us.

Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways and we cause scandal by the disunity among the Christian Churches.

Heal the wounds that have been caused down the centuries and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit who dwells among us for ever and ever.

Amen.