

DATES FOR DIARY

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.

The Sick and Housebound: We have a large number of Eucharistic Ministers willing to visit and take communion to the sick and housebound of the parish. The problem is that we do not know where many of the sick and housebound live, so if you know of a Catholic in the parish who cannot get to mass, please fill in one of the forms in the church porch with that person's contact details and we will ask them if they want to be visited and receive communion or the other sacraments. Thank you.

MUSIC

10.00am Mass: 865, 1013, 816, 609, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 938, 721

11.30am Mass:

Entrance: 865,

Gloria: 1013,

Psalms: as set,

Alleluja: Celtic

Offertory: Subdue Us (Bach) + 908,

Sanctus: 1014,

Acc: 1015,

Amen: 1018,

Agnus Dei: 1019,

Communion: O God of mercy (Lole) + 938,

Final: 721,

Postlude: Fantasia in C Minor (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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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



29th January 2017

4th Sunday – Year A

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BLESSED

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Readings

Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

THE LIGHT HAS DAWNED

The waiting is over and the light of the Lord, has dawned - the people who lived in darkness has seen a great light! Simeon and Anna have their faith rewarded. By holding on to their faith, they have literally seen the light! Yet we need to keep in view Simeon's realism. He knew all too well that the coming of Christ into the world did not mean an end to pain and suffering in the world. Some mistakenly think that belief in Jesus Christ means that we ought not to fear pain, suffering and even dying. Our faith helps us to keep the realities of pain, suffering and death in proper perspective; it does not mean that we will avoid them! There is no avoiding death, even for the Lord of life. The sword of witnessing the death of her son did indeed pierce Mary's soul, but she did not allow that pain to extinguish the candle of faith burning inside her. She kept the light of faith burning in her heart!

The shadow of the cross always looms large in our Christian faith. This should not make us feel gloomy and sad, but rather remind us of the reality of sin and death and how much God loves us in Christ Jesus. The only fitting response to such love, is loving thankfulness. In baptism, we enter into the great mystery of sin and death, and when, like Christ, we inevitably die, we pray to share in his resurrection. Then and only then will all sin, pain, suffering and death be taken away. Let us pray that on this feast of the presentation of the Lord, when Joseph and Mary fulfilled their obligations by bringing their most precious gift to the temple and placing Him in the care of God, we may present our whole selves in the service of God's Kingdom, holding nothing back.

Secure in the knowledge that today, the people who lived in darkness and the shadow of death has seen a great light, may we reflect that light in all that we think, say and do.

Fr Gerard Gallen SJ

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

Nigerian Catholic Association: Meeting after the 11.30am Mass in the Presbytery.

Last Sunday's Collection: £3,053.20. Thanks very much.

The Counters this Week: Group E

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

Presentation of our Lord: Thursday the 2nd of February is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. This commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, forty days after the birth of her son Jesus. This is the day when we celebrate Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple to fulfil the Jewish custom of offering their first-born son to the Lord and giving thanks for his birth. At both masses on this day (10.00am and 6.30pm), lighted candles will be blessed and processed into church from the porch.

Divine Mercy Mass & Devotions: These will take place on Tuesday, the 31st of January beginning with mass at 7.30pm.

PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

Protection of the Unborn: Sr Eugenia OSM writes, The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God... God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can, under any circumstance, claim for themselves the right directly to destroy an innocent human being." [2258]

In 1967, one of the most destructive Acts of Parliament was passed – the legislation of abortion. This year, 2017, marks 50 years since this Act, and over those years 8.7 million unborn babies have been killed by abortion in the United Kingdom. How much longer can we stand by and take no action? How can we go on ignoring this callous disregard for human life and not make our voices heard?

We can all understand the many difficult circumstances which can lead women to have an abortion and we must certainly show compassion towards those who have taken such a step, however, that should not stop us from fighting against further abortions in the future.

Again, the Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say about abortion: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his/her existence, a human being must be recognised as having the right of a person

– among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." [2270]

Next Sunday, the 5th of February, we will be having our annual White Flower Appeal. We ask you to be alert and eager to help this appeal in three ways: 1. Pray that human life will be once again respected in this country from the moment of conception until God calls us into eternity; 2. Take a white flower badge and make a donation to support the work of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children; 3. Consider writing to your MP expressing your views about abortion and asking for a change in the law.



Mass of Thanksgiving for those Celebrating Anniversaries of Marriage:

The Cardinal will be inviting all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017 to a mass of thanksgiving. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please give Fr David the following details as soon as possible: husband's name, wife's name, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). The Mass of Thanksgiving will be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, the 3rd of June 2017 at 3.00pm.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Forgiveness and celebration are at the very heart of community"

John Vanier, founder of L'Arche