

DATES FOR DIARY

25th March – 1st April: This year during Lent the parish is offering a Week of Guided Prayer. Participants are invited to commit to praying during this week for at least 30 minutes each day and to meet daily with someone who will accompany them and help them to discover God's leading in their lives. We usually manage to get 40-50 people in the parish joining in with our Week of Guided Prayer, but this year we hope for even more! No previous experience is needed and all are welcome. The dates for the Week of Guided Prayer are from Saturday, the 25th of March (opening with a meeting at 5.15pm) to Saturday, the 1st of April (closing with a meeting at 5.15pm).



26th March: After all morning masses on Sunday the 26th of March there will be the annual Parish Plant and Cake Sale. Unwanted gifts will also be on sale. This will be in aid of the church renovation fund. If you have items to donate to the sale, please contact Pauline on 020 8808 1268.

LATELY DEAD

Theresa Kelly – Funeral at St Ignatius on Wednesday, 8th March at 11.30am.

MUSIC

10.00^{am} Mass: 865, 1012, 187, 603, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 952, 631, 787

11.30^{am} Mass:

Entrance: 969, **Kyrie:** 501, **Psalm:** as set, **Acc:** 187, **Offertory:** Teach me, O Lord (Attwood) + 206, **Sanctus:** 505a, **Acc:** 506, **Agnus Dei:** 509, **Communion:** Author of Life Divine (McDowall) + 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

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: Attracta Asika 07494 366233



5th March 2017
1st Sunday of Lent – Year A

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REPENT AND BELIEVE

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Readings

Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

HAVE A POSITIVELY GOOD LENT!

The word 'Lent' simply means lengthen and we can see why but just looking out of the window as our evenings start to stretch out and the, God given, light is really starting to lengthen our daylight hours. How blessed we are in the northern hemisphere, where even the seasons are in tune with our faith!

Look how we are given more light as we approach the greatest gift of light ever to shine in our world, the light beaming from the Resurrected body our Lord! Let us use this extended daylight time to remind us of the fact of the Resurrection and to dedicate ourselves more and more to becoming more like Christ, more loving, more giving and more forgiving.

So often we hear people talking about what they are "giving up for Lent" and that's all well and good but let's look at what we can do positively this season of Lent. Simple kind acts: acknowledging the presence of another with a cheerful 'hello' or a smile, holding the door open for someone or allowing them to go before you in queue, all help to build the Kingdom of God, yes, simple acts of kindness make all the difference in this world and the next!

A great way to improve our spiritual life during this holy season is simply to take our time to savour and enjoy the world God has given us. We can go through each day not noticing what God has given us, for example, the gift of sight, of being able to read this newsletter! The gift of nature, savour the colours as our season changes and we spring into spring! Take time to appreciate our loved ones, our family members (there really is no excuse for not doing so during our time of prayer for couples and families in our parish!), appreciate the gift of friends too. Notice those who go without and are lonely and reach out to them.

So many gifts bless and fill our day, so let's take the time to notice, reflect and say "thank you" to God by having a positively good Lent!

Fr Gerard Gallen S.J.

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

Baptisms: We welcome Aubree Dwobeng, Jaylen Simpson, Savannah Ekundayo, Sula Habtes, Chimamanda Dike, Uriel Bine, Evelyn Highfield, Dylan Fernandes Te and Mollie Dillon, all of whom were baptised at St Ignatius in February.

Last Sunday's Collection: £3,010.53. Thank you very much for your generosity.

The Counters this Week: Group C

CAFOD: The Lent appeal for the work of CAFOD takes place on Friday, the 10th of March when every adult in the parish is asked to give up a meal and donate the money saved to CAFOD. Envelopes for these donations will be given out after mass today and you are asked to bring them back next Sunday with your donations inside. Thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

1st Lent Talk: This Lent the series of talks will be on "Understanding the Mass". Each Tuesday evening of Lent someone will talk about parts of the mass and help everyone present to deepen their understanding of what mass is all about. This coming Tuesday, the 7th of March at 7.15pm in the presbytery, the talk will be given by Fr David and is entitled, "An Overview and Introduction to the Mass". It will set the scene for the other talks. The talks are aimed at ordinary parishioners not theologians and so they should be informative and helpful for anyone who comes to mass. All welcome!

2nd Lent Film Night: The second of the Lenten Film Nights takes place this Thursday, the 9th of March at 7.15pm. The movie and following discussion this week is about Mary Madelene.

Mass for Couples: In response to some of the feedback from the survey taken earlier on in the Parish Year for Couples & Families, we are putting on a special mass for couples on Saturday the 11th of March at 4.00pm, followed by a time for socialising where children will be looked after in a crèche or playgroup. All couples, with or without children, old or young, are welcome to this mass and social. Please do come and get to know other couples in the parish.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: Remember that Friday, the 10th of March is CAFOD Lenten Fast Day (see more on opposite page).

PARISH ITEMS AND EVENTS

Volunteers Needed: As most of you will know, for several years now we have offered a hot, sit-down lunch to homeless people on

Mondays and Fridays. For the last couple of months, this has had to be reduced to only having this meal available once a week, because of a lack of volunteers. If you would be willing to help out with the preparation and service of a hot meal for the homeless on Mondays, please give your name and telephone number to Fr David or Sr Eugenia. We especially need men to volunteer, though, of course, women would be more than welcome too.

Beggars Outside the Church: You will have noticed that on many Sundays recently there have been one or two beggars asking for money outside the church after masses. These people have been offered clothes and food but they only want money and Fr David suspects that they are likely to be "professional" beggars who take advantage of the generosity of others. Please do not give these people money. We have an extensive programme to help homeless people and we are always willing, in addition to giving food and clothing, to refer them to hostels for shelter and to medical services if needed. If you wish to support our work for the homeless and want to be sure that the money is used for those genuinely in need, please put your donations in the "poor box" in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the front of the church, near the sacristy. Thank you.

OTHER ITEMS

Mass for Bereaved Parents: The Mass for bereaved parents will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 11th of March at 2.30pm. The mass will be a time to remember, to pray for, to give thanks and to entrust children who have died to the Lord. All are welcome to attend.