

OTHER ITEMS

St Thomas More Catholic School - Sixth Form Open Evening Tue, 14 Nov. from 5.00-6.30pm

St Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, N16, is having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 18th of November, beginning at 12 noon.

A Weave of Words and Music with Marj McDaid will take place on Sunday 26 November, at 3pm at The Old Church, Stoke Newington Church Street N16 9ES. An insightful, lively and personal selection of Irish poetry from 6th to 21st century, leavened with songs (some traditional, some her own settings) plus vocal and instrumental contributions from folk quartet Tell Tale Tusk. Tickets (£12, £10, under 26 free) on line at www.shms.org.uk. Advance booking is highly recommended as there can be quite a bottleneck at the door.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Christopher Ezeogu** – Funeral Sat 11th Nov at 4pm.

MUSIC

10.00^{am} Mass:
955, 1013, 605, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 423, 846, 787

11.30^{am} Mass:
Entrance: 955, **Gloria:** 1013, **Psalm:** as set, **Alleluia:** Celtic, **Offertory:** Alleluia (Boyce) + 606, **Sanctus:** 1014, **Acc:** 1015, **Amen:** 1018, **Agnus Dei:** 1019, **Communion:** Teach me, O Lord (Attwood) + 846, **Final:** 880, **Postlude:** Fugue in G Major (Mendelssohn).

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

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If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child or adult at risk in the parish, please contact our Safeguarding Officer:
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St Ignatius

5th November 2017
31st Sunday – Year A

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THE GREATEST AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord my strong salvation!

Readings

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father, and he is in heaven; you have only one Teacher, the Christ! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

REMEMBER AND LIVE

November is a month for remembering! On the 1st of November we remembered all the saints in heaven, and on the 2nd we prayed for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Soon it will be Poppy Day, Remembrance Sunday, when we remember and pray for all who have died in warfare. The poppies themselves, which we see everywhere, remind us to remember!

Our memories allow us to build the present and the future. The examples and experiences of the past, our own and others, are a never-ending treasure for us. Knowing the stories and lives of the saints is not enough. These stories must influence us and the ways we behave towards others. We do not become better people through knowledge alone, but by encountering and respectfully engaging with others.

In today's Gospel Jesus says to the scribes and the Pharisees that knowledge of history and the law does not make them trustworthy people. From God's perspective, the most important thing is to stand up for the truth and look at other people with love. Then the law and the whole of life are not merely a show, but a way of living the Gospel.

Let's look at how many people we can imitate in our daily lives who lived in a very modest and even unnoticed way: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was a modest young man who gave witness to God wherever he went. Saint Alphonsus Rodríguez SJ was a simple door keeper, who led a deep spiritual life and inspired others. The Spitfire Pilot, Franciszek Kornicki, who risked his life on many occasions in the Battle of Britain was a very humble man. Sir Nicholas George Winton who rescued more than 600 Jewish children, never spoke about this to anyone. There are many similar examples. Who knows, maybe through the humble life and the work of the Holy Spirit we too may discreetly follow the example of some of those good people whose lives we especially remember this month.

Fr Mateusz Konopiński SJ

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

This evening is Guy Fawkes night which originates from the Gunpowder Plot of the 5 November 1605, a failed conspiracy by a group of provincial English Catholics to assassinate the Protestant King James I of England and replace him with a Catholic head of state. In the immediate aftermath of the arrest of Guy Fawkes, who was caught guarding a cache of explosives placed beneath the House of Lords, King James's Council allowed the public to celebrate the king's survival with bonfires, so long as they were "without any danger or disorder". This made 1605 the first year that the plot's failure was celebrated. The following January, days before the surviving conspirators were executed, Parliament passed the Observance of 5th November Act, commonly known as the "Thanksgiving Act" which has perpetuated the celebration up to the present day.

Last Week's Collection: £3,152.46. Thank you for your generosity.

The Counters this Week: Group C

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

Here is a summary of the last parish council meeting for your consideration:

1. Review of the Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford: The Council judged it to be a successful event which participants seemed to enjoy. There was time to visit the shrine and the other chapels and walk around the grounds of the Priory. The group had a shared lunch and then prayed the Rosary Way together. This was followed by mass in St Joseph's chapel. Fr David hopes that we could repeat the pilgrimage next year and also even consider a pilgrimage to Fatima or Lourdes.

2. Mass Count: The overall numbers coming to mass at St Ignatius this year are a little up on last year. The average Sunday mass attendance at St Ignatius in the last year was 1,732. (The Latin American numbers are listed under the Latin American Chaplaincy).

3. Adoramus: On the 7-9th of September 2018, there will be a Eucharistic Conference in Liverpool and the parish is invited to send a number of delegates to the Saturday events (8th). The cost for each delegate is £125 which will be paid for by the parish. Delegates must pay for their own travel and accommodation costs if they choose to stay overnight. Fr David Stewart is on the organising committee so he will be our contact person. We hope to send 7 delegates!

4. Confirmation Group: The new confirmation programme this year which is made up of an 11-session Youth Alpha followed by 6 sessions of direct preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Included in the programme is a retreat day and a pilgrimage. The aim of the programme is twofold: to help young people to become more committed to Christ and to help them become

fully involved in the life of the Church. Fr David was delighted to see that 18 adults came forward from the parish to help with this programme.

5. Archbishop Oscar Romero: will possibly be canonised soon and Fr. Rutilio Grande, S.J. may well be beatified at the same time. Fr David suggested having a painting of both of them here in the church and possibly also a bust of Romero. Fr David's idea is to make this a place of veneration for both of these men who stood up for the poor and marginalised. This is a good idea, particularly as a way to include the Latin Americans more in the life of the parish.

PARISH EVENTS AND ITEMS

Baptism Meetings: The next set of Baptism Meetings for parents who want their children to be baptised start this Tuesday, November 7th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend these meetings, then please complete today a registration form to be found at the back of the church and hand it in at the presbytery. Two people have phoned lately to arrange their children's baptism, but the message left was not sufficiently clear for us to be able to phone back. Perhaps they would phone again and speak slowly and clearly so that we can include them in the meetings.

Household Goods & Furniture Sale: As a way of helping parishioners and making some money for the parish at the same time, we will be having a Furniture sale on the weekend of the 18th and 19th November. Prices will be very low, but you will have to take away your purchases on that day and transport them yourselves.