

OTHER ITEMS

Ghanaian Catholic Christian Mothers' Association: Our next monthly meeting will be held next Sunday after the 11:30^{am} mass in the presbytery. Please make a point of attending. We are extending invitations to new members who would like to come and join us. Invitations are open to all so please come and join us. Please contact Marian on 07944779171 or Agnes on 07956952688 for information to join.

St Thomas More Catholic School Sixth Form Open Evening 14 Nov. from 5.00-6.30^{pm}

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

Lost Property: A purse which probably belongs to an unknown parishioner was found a few weeks ago in Maria Oniah's car. If it's yours, please speak to Sr Eugenia.

CAFOD Memorial Mass: Everyone is invited to the CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at 11^{am} on Wed the 22nd of November.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Fernandes – Funeral to be arranged.

MUSIC

10.00^{am} Mass: 865, 1013, 907, 1014, 1015, 1018, 1019, 627, 721

11.30^{am} Mass: Entrance: 969, Gloria: 1013, Alleluia: Celtic, Offertory: Nunc Dimittis (Shera) + 907, Sanctus: 1014, Acc: 1015, Amen: 1018, Agnus Dei: 1019, Communion: The Lord is my Shepherd (Goodall) + 938, Final: 8721, 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

Assistant Priests: Fr Michael Bossy SJ,
Fr David Stewart SJ, Fr Mateusz
Konopiński SJ, (Polish/English),
Fr Bogdan Leśniak SJ (Polish/English)

Jesuit Superior: Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

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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: Attracta Asika 07905 445938

St Ignatius

12th November 2017
32nd Sunday – Year A

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STAY AWAKE!

TODAY'S READINGS AND RESPONSES:

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

LET US BE WIDE AWAKE AND WISE!

Today's Gospel calls us to remain alert and receptive so that we have prepared wisely for a final meeting with God. The parable of the Ten Virgins helps us to understand how to achieve it. What does it mean to be wise? In the biblical sense it means to love wisdom and to order everything in our lives so that they help us to reach our final destination, the end for which we all were created - a final union with God. That's why women and men need the gift of wisdom, to enable each one of us to live our whole lives wisely and worthily, developing the talents entrusted to each one of us by God. Apart from that, we need the wisdom of God to allow us to recognise the proper time, and not to miss it like the foolish virgins, so that we will be ready to experience the coming of God into our lives.

So, how could we learn how to be wise and to make right choices? Undoubtedly, we could find that wisdom in prayer, through receiving the sacraments and in the contemplation of the Word of God. The wisdom that allows us to know the truth about ourselves and to learn how to be responsible and reasonable, comes from there. We can also pray for wisdom and that the Holy Spirit keeps us watchful so that we listen to God's word spoken in our lives, and ask that we remain awake and alert to fulfil the will of God.

It is worth examining our conscience as we approach the end of another liturgical year. We can ask "am I wise and awake? Do I realise that in my life, just like in the story of the foolish virgins, God can come in all sorts of situations even when God's coming is completely unexpected? Do I pray for a wisdom like that of those wise virgins, a wisdom that prepares me for an encounter with God?"

So, let us pray: Lord, grant us a spirit of your wisdom, let us love you before all things, and in the light of your love to know how to recognise, understand and accept the truth about ourselves.

Fr Bogdan Leśniak SJ

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

Today is Remembrance Sunday when we pray for all those who sacrificed their lives in wars. There will be a two-minute silence towards the end of the 10.00am Mass in remembrance.

The Ghanaian Association will meet in the New Ref from 1-3pm.

Last Week's Collection: £2735.08

The Counters this Week: Group F

THIS WEEK AT ST IGNATIUS

Mass to end the Year for Couples and Families: The 7pm Mass on Saturday the 18th of November will be a celebration to conclude the year for Couples and Families.

PARISH EVENTS AND ITEMS

Message from the Parish Priest: I am delighted that so many of you come to St Ignatius for Mass on Sundays and I hope that we can encourage even more people to come and regularly worship here in the future. I have been gently trying to improve the liturgy myself and encouraging others responsible for it to do the same. I think that we are making some progress, though slower than I would like! Please feel free to talk to me about this if you have any ideas.

The concern that I have is about the level of participation of some of you in the Mass. The Mass is the occasion, above all others, when we come together to worship our God and to give praise and thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received as individuals and as a community. We give thanks together as a community and the diversity and richness of our community only strengthens the significance of what we do. It is, therefore, very important indeed that we all do everything possible to participate at Mass, and this includes coming to Mass at least once a week (preferably on Sunday), getting to Mass on time, singing together (even if you aren't very good at singing or the hymns are not your personal favourites), saying the responses together with loud and confident voices, and so on.

Of course, I understand that there will sometimes be a very good reason for someone not arriving at Mass on time, but some people seem to have fallen into a bit of a habit of coming late. I do not want to discourage anyone from coming to Mass and it is certainly better to come a bit late than not to come at all, but for those who quite often arrive late, perhaps you could make a special effort to try and come on time in the future.

If some of the hymns are not to your liking or there are others which you would find easier or more enjoyable to sing, please let Ann, our music coordinator, or me know and we will do our best to respond.

What I want is for all of us to get the very most we can out of coming to Mass at St Ignatius and I firmly believe that we will do that if, together, we all put the very most we can into making it a celebration worthy of its name.

Thank you very much once again for all that you do to support the building up of the parish community here at St Ignatius. I very much appreciate your participation and your help.

God bless, Fr David



Parish Meeting: There will be a parish Meeting on Tuesday the 21st of November from 7.15 – 8.45pm. All parishioners are welcome. More details shortly, but please put the date in your diary!

Household Goods & Furniture Sale: The long-awaited Household Goods & Furniture sale is happening next weekend after all masses. There will be some great bargains, so come with extra cash. Please remember that you will have to take away your purchases on that day and transport them yourselves. All proceeds go to the Parish Sound System Fund!

The Soup Run: On the 11th of November St Ignatius Soup Run celebrated 29 years of service to the Homeless. They are looking to recruit new drivers and sandwich makers to assist us in this ministry. If you can help please contact Mike O'Driscoll on 07947 538999.