

### HELPING THE HOMELESS

Thanks to everyone's generosity to the appeal, so far, our parishioners have contributed over **£6,000** towards the costs of our helping the homeless in our area.

The [CHRISTMAS COLLECTION](#) will also support the homeless. **THANK YOU!**



**CHRISTMAS CRIB:**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO MAKE A SHORT VISIT TO THE CHRISTMAS CRIB IN THE CHURCH, BUT FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS PLEASE DO NOT KNEEL AND PRAY AT LENGTH, OR TOUCH ANY OF THE FIGURES.**

The NEWSLETTER is on Holiday until **SUNDAY January 10th**. It promises to stay in TIER 4.

### CHURCH TIMES

**Sunday: Mass at 8am, 9:30am and 11am** [streamed]  
Polish (po polsku): 12.30<sup>pm</sup> [streamed]; 2pm, 7:30pm  
Mass in Spanish: 4.30pm  
**Weekdays: Mass at 10am.**  
**Exposition 10:30—11am.**  
**Confessions during this time in the Day Chapel.**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mon—Sat 10:30—11am in the church, or by appointment at the PRESBYTERY.**

### PARISH STAFF & TEAM

Contact them on: 020 8800 2121  
**Parish Priest:** Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ. **Assistant Priests:** Fr. John McCabe SJ, Fr. Mateusz Konopiński SJ (Polish/English), Fr. Luis Orlando SJ (Spanish/English), Fr. Chester Yacub SJ (Visiting), Fr. Michael Bossy SJ (away).  
**Jesuit Assistant Superior:** Fr. Mateusz.  
**Jesuit Scholastic:** Mr. Christopher Brolly SJ (teaching at St. Ignatius College)  
**Sacristan:** Sr. Eugenia Geraghty OSM.  
**Parish Secretary:** Judy Bronson.  
Tel: 020 8800 2262 Mon-Thur 8—12pm  
*Or leave a message.*  
**Catechetics:** Elwira Pniewski

*If you have any concerns about safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult in the parish, please contact one of our Safeguarding Representatives: Attracta Asika 079 0544 5938 and Aga Wiecek, 077 3681 9943.*



**CHRISTMAS**  
**25th December 2020**

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### CHRISTMAS: AMID THE SILENCE AND THE SOLITUDE

This Christmas will be different from any other we can remember; where previous celebrations have been loud, joyful, full of laughter, this one will be more prayerful, and it will be our invitation to think of those who actually spend their Christmas on their own every year. Isolation is one of the common conditions of life around us. It is a blessing that we have the opportunity to come to the church each day to pray (for how long one wonders as the new variants of the virus endanger even that) so let us remember as we do so that some of the people gathered then return to an empty house or flat, where they might then light a candle and share their Christmas Day with the Lord alone.

The number of cases of infection has been rising rapidly in our area over the past month. We are asked to pray even more for an end to the pandemic, and more immediately we must maintain social distancing, wear a facemask even when outside, washing and sanitising our hands. When offered the vaccine I urge you to take it willingly, as the best outcome will be brought about by as many as possible receiving it.

Please read the note overleaf from our bishops regarding the moral issues around the creation and use of the vaccines.

On a happier note, please be assured of the prayers of all the Jesuits here (and Fr. Michael in Boscombe), and we all look forward to joining together in prayer, worship and song at some point in the New Year. Fr. Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ

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**WEEKDAYS : Mass at 10am. Please book in advance. Exposition at 10:30am, Confessions in the Day Chapel via the sacristy, to 11am.**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARDS OUR HOMELESS PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A HOT MEAL, CLOTHING AND ADVICE TO OVER 100 PEOPLE, FROM JANUARY, Monday to Friday.

You can make your donation online via our website [www.stignatius.co.uk](http://www.stignatius.co.uk) and also using the contactless machine at the door on your way out. Many thanks for your generosity.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 11th

### NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Owing to the requirements of safety during the pandemic there is no Midnight Mass at Christmas or for the New Year.

#### CHRISTMAS OCTAVE AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE:

Saturday 26th: 10am

Sunday 27th: 8am, 9.30am, 11am

Monday 28th—Wednesday 30th: 10am

Thursday 31st: 10am and 6.30pm (Mary, Mother of God Vigil)

Friday 1st: 10am and 6.30pm (Mary, Mother of God)

Saturday 2nd: 10am

Sunday 3rd: 8am, 9.30am, 11am

Monday 4th: 10am

Tuesday 5th: 10 & 6.30pm (Epiphany Vigil)

Wednesday 6th: 10am & 6.30pm (Epiphany)



THANK YOU AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

The Jesuit Community and the parish staff are hugely grateful to you all for your cards and gifts.

Wishing everyone a peaceful, safe and happy Christmas.

Praying that the New Year is filled with some good tidings of great joy for you, in spite of the Pandemic and Brexit.

#### Statement by our Roman Catholic Bishops about the Vaccines (24 September, 2020):

The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.

Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.

At present, debate concerns the use of the vaccines developed by Pfizer & BioNTech, Moderna, and Astra Zeneca. Some have questioned the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine since it has been developed from cell-lines originating from the cells of an aborted foetus in 1983. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy of Life have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine sourced in this way, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action. In the COVID-19 pandemic, we judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine.

Both the Pfizer & BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have a different source since they are mRNA-based vaccines. On 2 December 2020, the Pfizer & BioNTech vaccine was approved for use in the UK.

Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection. Bishop Richard Moth.