

THIS WEEK:

Today: Sunday of the Word of God

Monday— Saturday: 10am Mass

Exposition and Confessions to 11am unless Funeral or other Mass to follow

Monday and Friday: also 6:30pm Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

DECEMBER: Total: £9,671.89

Weekly average: £3,224

Christmas Offering (for our social apostolate): £6,199.33

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Standing order, DD and contactless offerings were greater than cash this month. Thank you!!

Social Apostolate We welcome all people who need help and support. We offer a hot meal, sandwiches, fruit, seasonal clothes and toiletries.

Mondays: breakfast and help 11 am
Monday - Wednesday lunch (a hot Polish soup) 1-3 pm.

Each person is treated individually depending on need. Once a month a Mass is celebrated for all the homeless and needy.

Please remember in your prayers two Jesuits of the British Province who died recently: Fr. Michael Beattie and Br. Ted Coyle. May they rest in peace.

NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil);

Sunday Mass: 8^{am}, 9:30^{am}, 11^{am}

Polish (po polsku): 12.30^{pm}, 6:30^{pm}

Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm}

Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass

Evening Mass on Monday and Friday at 6.30^{pm}

Divine Mercy: Monday 30 January after the 6.30pm Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

in the church after 10am Mass each weekday, after the 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 6pm Saturdays, 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. Piotr Kropisz SJ

SJ Superior: Fr. Michael Holman SJ

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ (JRS), Fr. John Moffatt SJ (LJC), Br. Stephen Power SJ (Admin), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

Visiting SJ priests: Fr. Bee Ruankool (Thai), Fr. Christophère Ngolele (Congo)

Music: Ann Bennett

Sunday Sacristan: Kevin De Souza

Parish Secretary: Judy Bronson.

Tel: 020 8800 2262 . M-Th 9am — 1pm

Catechetics: Aga Wiecek 020 8800 2202

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



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WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

In our Gospel Reading St. Matthew records that Jesus asked people to repent, to turn round. He walked by the sea and called followers. At the centre is the claim that Jesus says that the “kingdom of heaven is close at hand”. But the Divine-human dialogue has gone on for centuries and has never come to earth in the voice of someone like this cutting through earth to bring heaven close! Then Matthew fills in the effects: the disciples leave everything to follow him, the man who teaches, proclaims the Good News of the kingdom, cures diseases and sickness. Of course, after the death of Jesus, Matthew writes in the shadow of the community’s experience of the resurrection of Jesus. He reads back into the stories the realisation of the underlying meaning – but that does not invalidate anything.

So the Divine Dialoguer has arrived, and we can recognise God – in a human face, and after that, realise God in every human face! Have you ever been freed from prison, released from slavery, harvested the crops, divided spoils of victory, been overwhelmed by joy, seen a great light shining in a national darkness? They had. Their experience created the writings of the New Testament and Christianity. Was it ever meant to be confined to a chosen few? No – the word of God, preached and proclaimed, was as Isaiah and Paul and Jesus intended – to be shared by every person who has ever lived. That Christianity has become one among many religions does not negate the vision. God rests in the hearts of all, in the divine to be found in all religions and visions of the good. Heart talks to heart – all hearts.

David Jackson (Leeds Diocese)

ECUMENICAL SERVICE TODAY: 6pm. St Michael and all Angels Church, N16 7ED

Response to the Psalm Today: The Lord is my light and my help.

GHANAIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

Calling on all Ghanaian Catholics to join the above stated association for a common cause.

We meet the second Sunday of every month at the Presbytery. Interested members can call 07477690756. Thanks.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: The Christian Mother's Association are looking for new members. If you would like to join, please contact Agnes on 07444 707802.

ALTAR SERVERS

New altar servers are very welcome to join our serving staffs for the Sunday morning Masses: 8am, 9.30am and 11am.

Children or teenagers who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to volunteer.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR January:

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

UNA DALY is running to raise funds for Royal London Hospital.

You can sponsor her here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/una-daly-1673812462776>

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

All Nigerian Catholics are invited to join us every last Sunday of the month in the presbytery after the 11am Mass.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18—25 January

Praying for unity amid injustice

On 22 April 1993 a teenager was murdered on the streets of London while waiting for a bus. Stephen Lawrence was a promising young man looking forward to fulfilling his dream of becoming an architect. He was murdered simply because he was black. The murder was to have a seismic effect on society and its reverberations were felt across the four nations of Britain and Ireland. It revealed the ugliness of racism, and this was compounded by the systemic failures of the police to bring Stephen's murderers to justice.

Following a public inquiry, the Macpherson Report of 1999 brought to wider attention the concept of "Institutional Racism", the racism that is deeply embedded in society or in institutions. This year we mark the 30th Anniversary of Stephen Lawrence's murder and this will be a major focus for many who work for a society that is free from racism. As long as racism exists, we live in a divided society and a divided world, so during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we reflect upon how these divisions impact our shared life as we pray together for the unity for which Christ prayed. But we also acknowledge how much churches have contributed to division and prejudice within our institutions and also society. As long as there is racism there will be no Christian unity!

Justice, righteousness and unity originate from God's profound love for each of us. They are at the heart of who God is and how God expects us to be with one another. Yet injustice and oppression continue. The sin of racism is evident in practices that set one racial group over and against another. When accompanied or sustained by imbalances of power, racial prejudice moves beyond the individual to take up residence in the structures of society.

As members of the churches united in the love of Christ, We must engage in dialogue and so increase awareness and insight about the lived experience of all people. Together, we must engage in the struggle for justice in society – because we all belong to Christ .

