

THIS WEEK:

**Mon — Sat: 10am Mass
Exposition and Confessions to
11am unless other service to
follow.**

Monday, Friday: 6.30pm

Next Sunday is Christmas Eve!

SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES

NOVEMBER: £11,869.38

Week average: £2,967

Thank you for your generosity.

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE: Monday
(11am-3pm), Tues & Wed (1pm-
3pm). Christmas Lunch this
Wednesday. ALL WELCOME!

READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1Thess.
5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

Funerals:

**Please pray for the repose of the soul
of our volunteer LESZEK LAR who has
died after a long illness, and also for
ELIZABETH (Lil) CULBERT who has
died.**

May they rest in peace.

BISHOP John Sherrington visited our
parish last weekend and met with
several parishioners as well as with
the Finance Committee and the
Polish Pastoral Committee.



NORMAL CHURCH TIMES

Saturday Evening 6.30^{pm} (Vigil);

Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11

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

Mass in Spanish: 4.30^{pm}

Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass

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

**Divine Mercy: every last Monday
after evening 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.*

Rosary: 11am each weekday.

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

Resident Jesuits: Fr. Harry Elias SJ, Fr. John
Moffatt SJ (LJC), Fr. Jean Nyembo SJ
(Congo), Fr. Michael Smith SJ (JRS).

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*



**3rd Advent Year B
17th December, 2023**

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ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. “Rejoice, the Lord is near!”. On this day, we rejoice because we realise that we are now halfway through this beautiful Season of Advent – the “Lord is Near!”

In this foreshortened season in one more week we will be able to welcome Jesus who will be born in Bethlehem. We will rejoice with His parents, Mary and Joseph. Today, when we come to church, we notice some signs which help us to realise that the great Feast of Christmas is very near. We light the Third Advent Candle, which is pink; we can decorate the Altar with flowers as a sign of our joyful expectations.

The priest may wear a Rose-coloured vestment at Mass.

The Readings at Mass encourage us to rejoice. The Prophet Isaiah tells us to “Exult for Joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God!”

The Responsorial Psalm is Mary’s Magnificat: “My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on His servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is His Name!”

St Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, exclaims, “Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.”

In St John’s Gospel, we meet St John the Baptist who tells us: “I am as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: “Make a straight way for the Lord.”

Let us pray, on this Gaudete Sunday, for the grace to prepare well for the great day when we can welcome Jesus, born in a stable in Bethlehem. The day when we can kneel at the Crib and pray in thanksgiving to Jesus who has come into our world to save us.

“Let us rejoice and be glad!” (Sr Eugenia)

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION DECEMBER:



For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Our Youth Choir which sings at the 9.30 Mass is looking for new members. If you are aged 11-25 and enjoy singing, please come along. Choir practices are on Fridays 6.15pm - 7.15pm in the weekday chapel. If you need more information, text/Whatsapp Ann on 07793 751261

ASBESTOS removal has been completed. A structural engineer has authorized the next steps: partial removal of a wall and replacement of a section of the heating pipe.

QR Code for your Sunday Offertory/ Tithe [with your phone]:

Please click on the code to make your donation. Thank you!



THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

this year goes towards our ministry to the poor and the homeless. Thank you for your generosity. Please use the contactless machine if available.



CHRISTMAS EVE:

Latin American Mass at 7pm

Polish Mass at 9pm

English ("Midnight") Carols and Mass from 10:15pm

No Mass at Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY:

English Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am

Polish Mass at 12.30pm

26th (Tuesday) St Stephen: 10am Mass

27, 28, 29: 10am Mass only

30 (Saturday): Mass at 10am and 6:30pm

31 (Sunday) Holy Family: Mass at usual times.

Midnight: MIDNIGHT MASS of the NEW YEAR

January 1 MARY MOTHER OF GOD:

English Mass at 10am

Social Apostolate
INVITES YOU TO
Christmas Lunch
for homeless and
those in need
20th of December 2023 12:30-3:30pm
St. Ignatius Church
27 High Road N15 6ND
We will start with Holy Mass with
Christmas Carols, Live Music.
Hot Mushroom and Beetroot soup.
Christmas Parcels
Sponsors and Donors:
Our Parishioners
Caritas Westminster
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