

**THIS WEEK:**

**Mon — Friday: 10am Mass  
Exposition and Confessions to  
11am.**

**Monday and Friday evening at  
6.30pm**

**Saturday 1pm: 1st Holy  
Communion Mass**

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY/TITHES**

**MARCH: £ 12,516.09**

**Week average: £ 2,503**

**EASTER: £6,010.77**

**HOLY PLACES: £1,606.41**

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**JESUIT MISSIONS APPEAL.** The annual appeal for Jesuit Missions is next weekend at all Masses.



**NORMAL CHURCH TIMES**

**Saturday Evening 6.30<sup>pm</sup> (Vigil);**

**Sunday Mass: 8, 9:30, 11**

**Polish (po polsku): 12.30<sup>pm</sup>, 6:30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Mass in Spanish: 4.30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Monday—Saturday: 10am Mass**

**Evening Mass Monday and Friday at  
6.30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Padre Pio/Divine Mercy: 2nd and  
4th Tuesday at 6.30pm**

**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 Representative: Aga Wiecek, 077 3681 9943*



**5th Easter Sunday Year B  
28th April 2024**

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**I am the vine, you are the branches**

Jesus desires to be connected to us as a branch is part of a vine.

His life blood flows through us just like the sap that flows through the branches, giving energy, providing with life, and fruitfulness. When we hear words like pruning, we might be thinking about a painful process. But God is leading us gently, one step at a time. As we look at our lives we can see the parts that move us towards love and life, and the parts that are lying dormant, or that even might be hostile to God's love.

Maybe I'm being called today to be less selfish and more generous. To bring a little more joy into the lives of others, rather than spending my time worrying about things.

And we need to pray. Prayer is not one-way traffic: a hastily recited *Hail Mary* at the end of the day. Prayer is about a relationship between us and Jesus, and no relationship can survive without listening as well as speaking. Think how long it takes for a vine, or any plant for that matter, to grow.

Can we commit to spending just 10 minutes every day with the Lord? Listening to the calming and loving voice of Jesus who has freed us from sin and wants to go on giving us life. Praying can become as natural as breathing the more we do it. Anyone can develop this relationship of prayer in their daily life. healthy relationship is one where both parties are talking and especially listening to one another. If we can really listen carefully to the people we love then there's a good chance we can listen carefully to Jesus. We have to take these things a step at a time.

And once we are perhaps more comfortable with the presence of Jesus in our lives, he will set about doing the pruning. It's Jesus who will do the pruning, in his own good time, and in a way that is caring and loving.

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

A good vine is one that is frequently and carefully pruned. It produces good fruit. It is in our connectedness to Jesus and to one another that we will also produce the fruit of charity, kindness, love and forgiveness that is so necessary for our lives today.

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### **Farewell To Kasia!**

This week we wish a fond farewell to Katarzyna Wójcik who is moving to Aberdeen in Scotland. Kasia has been a remarkable servant of our parish's outreach, especially to the poor and the homeless, for more than 17 years. She became the lead co-ordinator of our social ministry in 2019 and has shown remarkable commitment to that role, leading to a significant diocesan award for the ministry in 2022. We wish her well as she moves north and thank her for all that she has done for our parish and our neighbours, especially for those most in need.

**EASTER GARDEN:** we are grateful for any donations of flowers in pots for our Easter garden in the St Joseph Chapel.

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION APRIL:**

#### **For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### **PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES BOXES 2024-2025**

The Planned Giving Boxes are ready for collection. Please meet Elisabete or one of our parish finance committee members in the Papers Stand opposite the repository after Sunday Mass.

**CAN YOU SING?** 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. Otherwise please consider joining our 11am choir.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL/YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Following several meetings on the theme of synodality we are going to put together a Parish Pastoral Council to advise the parish priest and to assist in many matters concerning the parish. There will be a mixture of people and age groups, and some members will be *ex officio* owing to their current roles. We also hope to form a Young Adult group for 18—35 year old members.

Are you enthusiastic and wish to make a positive contribution to the life and future of the parish?

Can you spare 3 or 4 evenings a year to attend meetings?

Are you willing to consider the needs of all the parishioners?

Do you have a special skill such as minute taking?

Please write to the parish at the regular email address with "PPC" in the subject heading. Thank you. Fr. Andrew

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