



400th
Anniversary
of the
Canonisation of

*Ignatius of Loyola &
Francis Xavier*



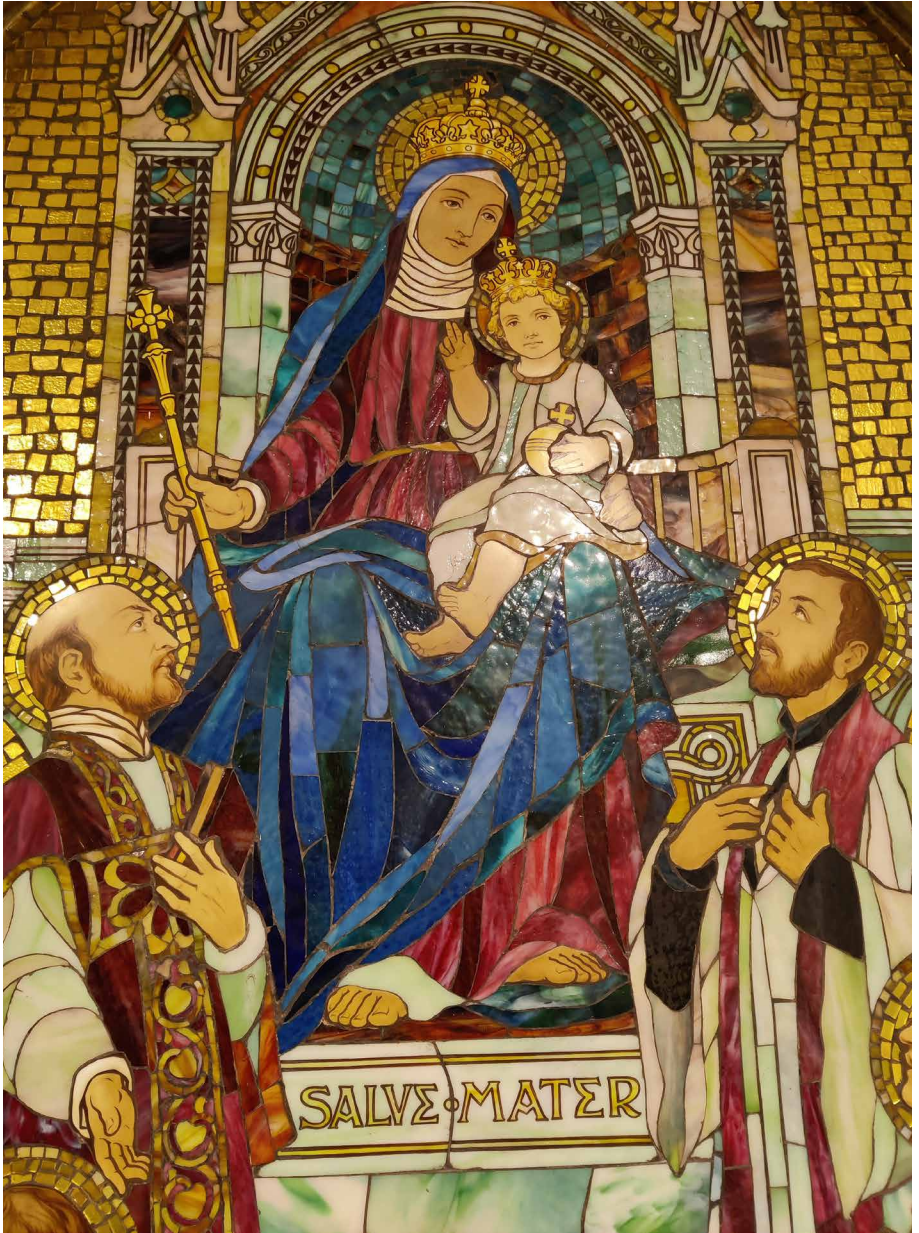
Chief Celebrant
Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson
Auxiliary Bishop
of Westminster

Ignatius
Soo
seeing all things
new in Christ

Saturday 12th March 2022

12 noon

St Ignatius Church
Stamford Hill, London



Welcome to the Jesuit church of St Ignatius, Stamford Hill

Today we celebrate a Mass marking the fourth centenary of the canonisation of Saints Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier.

On 12th March 1622 Ignatius and Francis were canonised by Pope Gregory XV in Rome, together with Teresa of Avila, Carmelite reformer; Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians; and Isidore the Farmer, a twelfth-century farm-worker and patron saint of Madrid. Francis Xavier, the great missionary, died in 1552, while trying to travel from Japan to China. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus, spent several years at the end of his life composing the Jesuit Constitutions and administering the work of 1,000 Jesuits spread world-wide. He died in Rome on 31st July (now kept as his feast-day) in the year 1556.

Each year a “Novena of Grace” is kept in the week leading up to the canonisation date, and Jesuits across the globe are currently celebrating an Ignatian anniversary year to mark this fourth centenary.

We join together in this Mass to give thanks for the witness and ministry of these two Jesuits from the beginning of the Society of Jesus and to pray that God will continue to call men to this way of life, and give them the grace to respond to his call.



Teresa of Avila



Philip Neri



Isidore the Farmer

Opening Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight,
Be Thou my armour, and be thou my might.
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower.
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days:
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heav'ns sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

(Irish, c. 8th C. Eleanor Henrietta Hull d. 1935)

Glory to God

Please join in singing with the choir

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 3:4-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth
I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” I
said, “Ah, Lord, look, I do not know how to speak: I am a child!” But
the Lord replied, “Do not say, ‘I am a child’. Go now to those to whom

I send you and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to protect you; it is the Lord who speaks!” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me: “There! I am putting my words into your mouth.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 18 (*sung*)

R/ Your Words, Lord, are spirit and they are life.

Music: Martin Foster

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-15

The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But they will not ask his help unless they believe in him, and they will not believe in him unless they have heard of him, and they will not hear of him unless they get a preacher, and they will never have a preacher unless one is sent, but as scripture says: The footsteps of those who bring good news is a welcome sound.

Gospel Acclamation:

**R/ Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, Word of the Father,
calling us to life.**

**Son of God who leads us to freedom. Glory to you Lord Jesus
Christ.**

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell b. 1957

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.” And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Homily: Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Bidding Prayers

God our Saviour, as we give thanks for the lives of Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier, your faithful servants, we bring before you our own needs and the needs of your world,

For the sake of your greater glory.

We ask you to use us to make yourself known to all people, especially the poor and the sick, the suffering and the rejected,

For the sake of your greater glory.

We pray for all members of the Society of Jesus throughout the world, and for those who work along side them and for all whom they serve,

For the sake of your greater glory.

We pray that we may all be seen as bringers of your peace and reconciliation, especially in those places and communities divided by strife and conflict,

For the sake of your greater glory.

We pray for all our brothers and sisters, and all your faithful people, who have died, that they may enjoy the fullness of life with you,

For the sake of your greater glory.

In a moment of silence, we bring our own needs to God.

Together we ask Mary, Queen of the Society of Jesus, to join us in our prayer.

Hail Mary ...

Hear our prayers we pray, O Lord, which we bring to you in trust, and answer them in your great kindness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Mass setting: from the Roman Missal

Distribution of Holy Communion

Choir

“Author of Life Divine”

Music: by Cecilia McDowell b. 1951

Words: Charles Wesley,

Hymn

Soul of My Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters flowing from His side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Music: William Maher SJ;

Words: Anima Christi, tr. John Hagerty SJ d. 1834

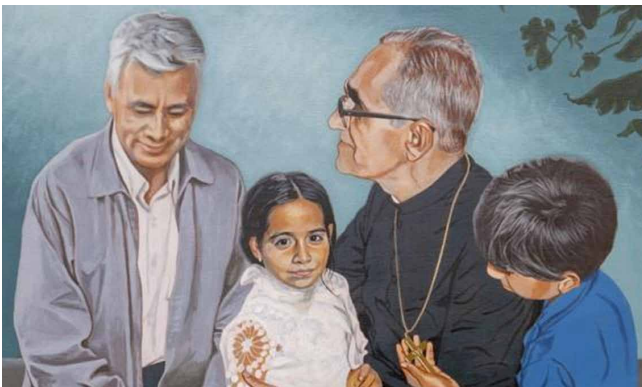
Final Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Music: John Hughes d.1932;
Words: W. Williams d. 1791
Organ: J.C.F. Fischer (d.1746)
Prelude in D



Blessed Rutilio Grande SJ
& St Oscar Romero
'Saints of El Salvador'
by Peter Bridgman

Today is also the first feast-day of Blessed Rutilio Grande SJ

Beatified on 22nd January this year, Rutilio was a Jesuit from El Salvador. He was assassinated, alongside two lay companions who were also beatified, by government forces in that country in 1977. His martyrdom occurred a few weeks after his friend, now saint, Oscar Romero became Archbishop of San Salvador, and it had a great impact on the new Archbishop. Rutilio's "crime" had been to stand up for the rights of the exploited peasant farmers who were the majority of his parishioners.

To mark this occasion, the British Province of the Society of Jesus is sponsoring three awards which will bear the name of Rutilio Grande, and share the kinds of concern that shaped his life and ministry.

The "Rutilio Grande and Companions Award" is being run in conjunction with Million Minutes, a body working with parish priests, religious and clergy who do amazing work in service of social action and parish transformation inclusive of young people, often with little credit. The award will recognise the inter-generational nature of Rutilio and the companions killed with him. It will be presented at a reception in the Houses of Parliament in July this year.

The other two awards take the form of bursaries offering £5,000 a year over three years for three selected students to enable study, broadly in pastoral renewal and parish transformation in our local Church. Liverpool Hope University will use the bursary to fund three students to complete an MA by research, in the field of Pastoral Development, one student per year for three years. The Centre for Catholic Studies in Durham will award £5,000 each year to one successful applicant to do the one year full-time (or part-time pro rata) Christian Theology (Catholic Studies) Masters programme that they run.

Taken together our hope is that these three awards will help produce students committed to and ready to bring about the kind of social transformation to which blessed Rutilio Grande bore his costly witness.

Thanks to

Bishop Nicholas Hudson for presiding at the Mass today, Fr Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ (Parish Priest of St Ignatius Church) and all the Jesuit and other priests who concelebrated.

Music:

Thanks to Ann Bennett, Director of Music, organist Luke Jones (St. Ignatius College), Alan Duguid, Head of Music, the Brass Ensemble of St Ignatius College, and members from the Junior Choir of St Ignatius Church.

Thanks to all the ushers, Christopher Broolly SJ and the servers, the readers, those who provided the flowers, and everyone who helped with the celebration.

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