ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

2nd May 2021, + Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:30am.

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021, Mass at 11am.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Wednesday 10am.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am-5pm. Thursday: Church closed. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am – 11:15am followed by Benediction.

CONFESSION: Saturday 10:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Year B Ps Week 1

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32
Response: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

OUR CHURCH'S COVID PRECAUTIONS:

Please note that we have taken every recommended precaution to ensure that the church is a safe place where the virus cannot spread. All congregants are asked to wear a face mask, sanitise their hands-on arrival and maintain a distance of over one metre with anyone who they do not live with at all times. The church has been marked up to indicate which seats may be sat in and ensure the use of a one-way system to prevent people unnecessarily passing too close to each other in the aisle. Communion from the chalice has also been suspended.

Coming out of Lockdown: *Please note that, assuming the government's lockdown timetable is not changed, Baptisms will resume from 17th May with a maximum of 30 attendees. Catechesis in person (rather than via Zoom) will resume from 12th April.*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

24/25 April 2021

Envelopes	£ 159.00
Loose	£ 142.09
Total	**£ 301.09**

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: A & C Roberts (Thursday)

PARISH NOTICES

Rosary in May: In honour of Our Lady, Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We have raised **£1,489.51.** It is not too late to donate if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's a busy and exciting time of year for the St Ignatius 100 Club, it's that time of year when we empty the bank account! The 100 Club has raised £4500 this year, the end of year draw will be taking place on Sunday 9th May we will be giving out £660 in Prizes to the Parish and donations to the Church for the whole year will be £2170.

Helen & Marek will shortly contact you to renew your subscriptions, most of you make your donations online but don't worry if you don't do online banking, or that you don't have an email address, they will be in touch to collect your subs. Don't forget you can also take renewal time to increase the number of shares you have, many parishioners buy shares for their children and Grandchildren, just make a note on your renewal who your new shares are for!

Thanks for your support and remember you've got to be in it to win it! If you would like to hear more about the St Ignatius 100 Club please call Marek or Helen on 01932 783657 or email on stignatius100club@btinternet.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES FOR 2020 are available for collection Mon – Fri, 10am to 4pm at the Parish Office.

NEW WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES 2021-22:

1. If you would like a **Box** or would like to setup **Standing Orders**, please complete the *Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order (Blue) Form* available in the Church Porch OR please contact the Parish office, call: 01932783507 or Email: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk.

2. If you are a **Tax Payer**, please consider joining the "**Gift Aid Scheme"** by completing the same form.

3. You **DO NOT** need to be a *Tax Payer* in order to set up or request for *Standing Order or Weekly Donation Envelopes.*

REGULAR NOTICES

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, the Parish Registration (White) forms are available in the Church porch or please email the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the brown envelopes are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office.

Westminster Year Book 2021: Copies are available at the Parish office, priced at £4.50.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Parish Schools: St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic College (Secondary) are this parish's two Catholic Schools, though some parishioners have children at Catholic secondary schools outside the parish bounds. Both are thriving schools. All Catholics are encouraged to have their children educated in a Catholic context.

Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice: If you wish to apply for Catholic Schools, please email the Parish Office for an appointment at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Baptism: To arrange for the baptism of any child under the age of seven please contact the Parish Office to book a meeting.
All parents will need to complete a short course on the Sacrament of Baptism, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

First Holy Communion 2021: Classes are on Saturday's during school term time between 4:45pm and 5:45pm in the Loyola Centre.

Confirmation 2020: Fr Christian will confirm the 2020 candidates for confirmation after the restrictions are eased in June.

Confirmation 2021: There will be no confirmation course in 2021. Please join the 2022 course in late Autumn.

Becoming Catholic 2020-21: Welcome home! Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

Marriage: Please contact Fr Christian by telephone or email to organise a meeting.

EVENTS

May Devotion to Our Lady at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden will take place on Sunday 9th May at 3.30pm. It will include Holy Rosary and Benediction, with music from the Shrine Singers. Due to Covid Restrictions only a limited number of seats will be available for reservation. The Devotion will be livestreamed. For a link to the livestream and booking of available seats, please visit parish.rcdow.org.uk/Willesden

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May 2021 at 3.00pm

The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their *5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)* wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

Vaccine Confidence Webinar - 15 May 2021: A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/99627319556 Passcode: 546617

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

The image of the vine is centrally important if we are to truly understand what God has invited us into through our baptism. When we become part of the church we do not merely become members, like being members of a cricket club. It is far more intimate than that. Just as the vine is one, single organism with many parts, so the church together is one body. We all have our different functions, all different, all important, but the work together to make up the whole.

Moreover, the whole is not simply the sum of its parts, it is much more because, as Our Lord says, the whole is nothing less than Christ Himself: "I am the vine." Here we see a great theme in some of Our Lord's other discourses, also found throughout the letters of St Paul: that the Church is the Body of Christ. He the head, we the members.

Why is this important? Because it gives us an insight into just how intimate our relationship with God now is, in Christ. He is in us and we are In Him, and He is in God. Through Him we are drawn up into the divine life itself. The divine life is shared with us and we share it with each other.

It is this unity which gives us the sustenance we need to make our way to salvation. As Our Lord says: "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers." This sustenance is grace. We do not make ourselves better Christians, we do not forgive our own sins. Rather, this is given to us as pure gift. All we need do is ask for it.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
William Albert Hayler, Catherine Spearman, Fr Vincent John Crewe, Alfredo Cardemil, Theresa Belmira Filomena Silveira.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+