



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021, ✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### MASS TIMES

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

Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, Mass at 11am.

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

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8am-5pm. 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:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22

Response: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:14-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> May with a maximum of 30 attendees.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

#### 22 /23 May 2021

Envelopes	£ 149.00
Loose	£ 146.00
Total	<b>£ 295.00</b>

**Church Cleaning TEAM 5:** S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

### PARISH NOTICES

**Consultation on Wednesday Rosary:** After the success of Wednesday Rosary in the church during May, Fr Christian would be happy to begin having public Rosary every Wednesday if there is demand. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Christian or contact the Parish office.

**Congratulations to the 2020 Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors and their Families:** Fr Christian and the Parish would like to congratulate all those confirmed on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH:** COVID has created some financial difficulties for all, our parish included. Please continue your support. Thank you for your generosity.

1. If you would like "**Weekly Donation Envelopes**" 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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) OR please visit our Parish Website – *Donate to our Parish*, link provided below.

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*.

4. A new and alternative way of donating to our parish ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/SunburyVMG>



**St Ignatius 100 Club:** The end of Year draw took place last Sunday for the St Ignatius 100 Club when over £660 was paid out in prizes. Renewals are coming in thick and fast and many thanks to all the parishioners who have taken out extra numbers. We have made history as we are now a 400 Club!

It's not too late to join up, visit the 100 Club page on the website to complete the registration forms or contact Helen or Marek who will talk you through your membership. Tel: 01932 783657 Email: [stignatius100club@btinternet.com](mailto:stignatius100club@btinternet.com)

The first draw of the year won't be till the last Sunday in June to allow time for everyone to renew membership and sign up. Many thanks to you all for making the 100 Club such a roaring success, Good Luck to all our members!

### REGULAR NOTICES

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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.

**First Holy Communion Certificates for 2020** are available for collection Mon – Fri, 10am to 4pm at the Parish Office.

**First Confession for 2020** – The dates will be announced in Autumn. Please keep reading the Parish Newsletter.

### EVENTS

**THE PASSAGE:** Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of The Passage, will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 25 May 2021 to mark 40 years of service to homeless people. The Mass will be broadcast live online, so if you would like to follow the service from home, the link is: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/> If you would like to attend the Mass in person, this may be possible, but the Cathedral has a strict limit under the current Covid regulations. Please register your interest with us and we will let you know on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May if a place is available. Please contact [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

**HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY DEATH:** An online roundtable event on Thursday 17th June, 7pm for the Year of St Joseph, organized by the Agency for Evangelisation, St Joseph's Hospice, and The Art of Dying Well. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-have-a-happy-death-tickets-151066374593>

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### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

In past centuries it was common for priests to refrain from preaching on Trinity Sunday since the subject can be very tricky! The mystery of the Trinity is, however, absolutely central to our faith. It is something to be celebrated, not downplayed. As St John Henry Newman wrote, put simply: "firmly I believe, and truly, God is Three and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son."

To flesh that out a little, through His public ministry, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God has revealed to us something about Himself which we could not have discovered by reason alone and which we, being finite creatures before the infinite majesty of God, could never fully understand: that He is One God, indivisible, yet also abiding in Three Persons. These Persons are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

How is this so? As a mystery of the faith the Trinity is above human reasoning but we can perhaps approach understanding the matter if we look within ourselves. Each of us is, without doubt, one. Yet we do have multiplicity within us. We all have memory, understanding and will. Our memory is not our understanding, or our will yet it is us, just as our will is not our understanding or memory yet is also still us. We are our memory, our understanding and our will yet these things are not each other. In the same way God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet these three Persons are not each other.

Another way to see this is as the great St Augustine did. His vision of the Trinity does something more as well, it perhaps gives us some insight into how we, the beloved children of God, are caught up in the mystery of the Trinity. St Augustine compares the Trinity to our self-understanding and love. We are, we have our own idea of ourself and we have our own self-love. These three remain within us, they are all part of us as one creature, yet they are not each other. Similarly, God the Father has existed from all eternity yet, co-eternal with that existence is the Father's self-image: "the image of the invisible God" (as St Paul says). This image is God the Son, He who became man and walked by galilee. Between the Father and the Son there is a third element: the love "breathed", as it were, between them. This love we call the Holy Spirit.

So how does St Augustine say we are drawn into this vision? We are called into Christ. Also, in our baptism, and throughout our lives as Christians, we have been drawn into that love which passes between the Father and the Son. Enveloped in Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is why Christians have something far more powerful than mere eternal joy in heaven. Rather, we are drawn up into God Himself. We dwell within God, in a sense, we become participators in God. This surpasses all we might imagine God would wish for us, and this is possible because God is Three and God is One.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:  
**Catherine Spearman, Alfredo Cardemil, Theresa Belmira  
Silveira, Anna Wilson, Geoff Clarke.**

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