



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

9TH JANUARY 2022 ✦ BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS TIMES

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

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

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am.

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 C Ps Week 3

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

Response: *Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

Christmas Collection

Envelopes	£ 728.00
Loose	£ 1,055.17
Total	£ 1,783.17

26th December 2021

Envelopes	£ 46.00
Loose	£ 42.20
Total	£ 88.20

1/ 2 January 2022

Envelopes	£ 288.00
Loose	£ 288.09
Total	£ 576.09

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

For all queries regarding Parish accounts, Gift Aid, Weekly envelopes, Standing orders and so on, please email at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk & for Parish Centre(s) bookings, please email at sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk or contact Lavina, Parish Administrator at the Parish office.

PARISH NOTICES

Church Bell: We are happy to announce that we have received a quote from the bell restorers. We are still waiting on a quote from the scaffolding company. When we have both we should

be able to present a final costing for our bell's restoration to the parish.

100 Club: It's the first monthly draw of 2022 for the St Ignatius 100 Club this Sunday 9th January after 9.30 am mass in the Manning room. Good Luck to all our members!

Pat Suckling: Many parishioners may fondly remember Pat Suckling, the sister of the late Fr David Roderick, Assistant Priest at St Ignatius'. When Fr David became ill many parishioners worked with Pat as she cared for him with her characteristic kindness and gentleness. Sadly, Pat died over the Christmas period. May she rest in peace.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception School: If you have missed the online appointments in November. Please email the Parish Office for an appointment at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk. Please do not panic. The closing date is 15th January 2022.

Confirmation 2021-22: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 are invited to join the Confirmation course by signing up on the Parish Website - Sacramental Preparation. Applications will close on the 24th January. Meetings will start in February.

Epiphany Chalk: Chalk blessed on the Epiphany to be used in the blessing of our houses is available after Mass along with a sheet explaining how to perform the blessing.

Westminster Year Book 2022: Copies are available at the Parish office, priced at £5.00

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.

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

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 OR please visit our Parish Website – *DONATE/Donate to our Parish*.

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*.

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

Altar Servers: Online applications to begin serving at Mass are now open for applicants under 18 and over 18. Applicants should have received their First Holy Communion. Prior experience is welcomed but not required. Please visit [Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups /First Holy Communion](#)

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The new rotas are displayed in the Church Porch and are available online on the Parish website - [Parish Groups](#).

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 for Catholic Schools

- Parents are requested to contact the School Office first to learn about the School admissions & visit <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions>.
- **For Secondary Transfer Year 7 (Sept -Oct), Reception (Nov - Jan) & Nursery (Feb- Apr),** please keep reading the Newsletter near the time for Online appointment(s) with the Priest via Parish website.
- **For School Years (Yr1 to Yr6) & other school years,** 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 2022: Please see the Session dates on the Parish Website.

First Holy Communion 2022: Mass Attendance cards

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stamps/Stickers will not be issued for a missed Sunday.
5. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a new Attendance Card.

Becoming Catholic 2021-22: 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

SRRCC Recruitment- St Richard Reynolds Catholic College Vacancies: We are looking for outstanding practitioners who can teach GCSE and A-level to join us from September 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning - **Deputy Subject Leader of Maths, Teacher of RE, Subject Leader of**

Physics, Teacher of Economics. Salary negotiable dependent upon calibre and experience. We are also looking for a **Lunchtime Supervisor** to join us as soon as possible, Monday to Friday 11.30am to 1pm. Please also get in touch if you would like to talk in more detail about the role. <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Sixth Form at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College (SRRCC):

The deadline for SRRCC Sixth Form applications is **Friday 14th January**. Apply by visiting our website: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions>. We welcome applications from all faiths and none. If you have any questions, we would be really pleased to help. Feel free to email sixthformadmissions@srrcc.org.uk.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

On Thursday the 6th we celebrated the final day in our Twelve Days of Christmas, the Epiphany of the Lord. In particular we remembered the visit of the Wise Men, or 'Magi,' to the Holy Family. We do not actually know much about who the Magi were from the bible: for one thing we don't know if there were three of them and even if they were all men! We know that Magi were Persian court philosophers filled with great learning and who also had a particular fascination with astronomy. Any peculiar celestial activity would never have escaped their attention.

But what is the meaning of this visit? Firstly, and foremostly the visit of the Magi is a prefiguration in Our Lord's childhood His destiny of opening up the New Covenant to all the nations of the world. This is why we call this feast the Epiphany, a word meaning "showing" (as in, the showing of Christ to all the nations). Traditionally the Magi are represented as being African, Arab and European. This again emphasises to us the universality of Our Lord's mission. This is also why the Magi have often been represented by Christian artists as kings, it echoes the words of the Psalmist "may all kings fall down before him."

Another important aspect of the Epiphany is that the Magi are scholars. For these past two thousand years men and women of deep learning have turned to Christ as their saviour. This is, of course, the action of grace first of all, but it is also because the search for true wisdom has its natural end in Christ. Our Lord is Himself the Truth, He is the fullness of Wisdom and Knowledge: The Word of God. The ancient Fathers of the Church often emphasised this to the pagan world they were trying to convert: the search for Truth naturally leads towards He who is Truth. Christians are never afraid of study or open enquiry as we know that all truth is one, truth cannot stand against truth. The Truth of our faith is compatible with all real wisdom and knowledge.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Lorna Collins, Simon P Murphy, Baby Romeo DeMello, Bernadette Moran, Fr Dominic Byrne, Pat Suckling.

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