



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

16TH JANUARY 2022 ✱ 2ND SUNDAY IN OT

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 2

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

Response: *Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

8/9 January 2022

Envelopes	£ 271.50
Loose	£ 301.93
Total	<u>£ 573.43</u>

Standing Orders for December 2021 £ 2,895.50

Church Cleaning TEAM 6: J Rodrigues, C Lobo & A Vadakathara (Wednesday)

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.

First Confessions: The parish First Confession 2022 will be heard on Monday 31st January. The children on the First Holy

Communion course should be in the church by 4pm. Children who have done the short First Confession course should arrive by 5pm.

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

VACANCIES:

1. **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>
2. **St Paul's Catholic College** looking for RE Teacher with Key Stage Responsibility to start in September 2022. Application packs are available at www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk If you require further information regarding the role please contact Mrs De Rosa, Headteacher's PA at mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk.

PEACE SUNDAY: Looking ahead, the month of January gives us the opportunity to reflect on Peace with Peace Sunday the centre of our focus on Sunday 16th January 2022. The Pope's World Peace Message is attached with its central theme: "Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace." More inspiration can be found in The Tablet article: [Catholics urged to mark Peace Sunday \(thetablet.co.uk\)](http://thetablet.co.uk)

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

The Wedding Feast at Cana is, as the gospel says, the first of the great public signs of Our Lord's divinity. "He let his glory be seen." But, as with all of the gospel stories about Our Lord, this miracle has many layers of meaning, well beyond the wonder of the act itself.

We do not have time here to explore fully all that the miracle implies about the Sacrament of Matrimony, and its honoured place in Christ's "new creation", but let us look at one or two particular elements which stand out.

Firstly, this miracle begins with water. Water is so often the beginning of things, throughout the scriptures. Genesis chapter 1, after all, begins with the darkness of the primordial waters, over which the Spirit of God hovered. Water is a symbol of several things in the bible. It can represent the unknown, the dangerous; it can also represent cleanliness and renewal. Here, however, it primarily represents the necessities of life. We need water to live. This would have been especially obvious to the people of Our Lord's place and time, who lived in a hot country surrounded by deserts.

Secondly, the water is held in five large stone water jars. This number is not an accident. Five is the number of the books of the Torah, the Books of the Law. These are the first five books within our bibles. They were considered by far the holiest and most important part of the scriptures by the ancient Hebrew people. In that sense, those five books stand in for the Old Testament as a whole.

So we have five large water jars, just like we have the five Books of the Law. Like the water, the Law gives life, it provides for our daily needs. It is absolutely vital.

This water is, of course, transformed into wine. Wine represents not only sustenance, but also joy and celebration. Water gives life, yes, but wine brings something more. Here we see the symbolism starting to teach us. As Our Lord takes the five-life giving water jars and transforms them into joyous wine, so he also takes the life-giving books of the Old Testament and, by His divine power, transforms them into something more: the seeds of the joy of eternal life.

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+*