



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 ✠ 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 4*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

**Responsorial Psalm:** 70(71):1-6,15,17

**Response:** *My lips will tell of your help.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

#### 22/23 January 2022

Envelopes	£ 272.76
Loose	£ 278.04
Total	£ <u>550.80</u>

**Church Cleaning TEAM 2:** J O'Connell, J Sellings, P Goodfellow (Wednesday)

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

### PARISH NOTICES

**First Holy Communion 2022:** There will be an opportunity to indicate which dates parents would prefer for their child's First Holy Communion. The slip will be handed out in class. Please note, parents getting their first choice cannot be guaranteed.

**First Confessions:** The parish First Confession 2022 will be heard on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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:** Our Confirmation course 2022 will begin with the first meeting on Tuesday at 5pm in the Loyola Centre.

**Weekly Donation Envelopes:** As we are due to place an order for the next Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to April 2023.

If you wish to join the Standing Order or have already setup the Standing Order and wish to cancel your Weekly Donation Envelopes. Kindly email the Parish Office at [sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) or call 01932783507 with your existing Box number, Full Name, Address & Contact number as soon as possible.

If you wish to support your parish by **Weekly Donation Envelopes or Standing Order**, please see details below\* or contact the Parish Office.

### 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 Order**, 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/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*.

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

### 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](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 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

**The God Who Speaks' Scripture Festival - St Alban's Cathedral Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 10:00am to 4:00pm.** You are invited to join pilgrims of all ages for a one-time only organised by the Agency for Evangelisation. We will be offering different ways of exploring the Scriptures in prayer, through creative activities and in Bible study. Join us for a joyful and profound experience.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Why not come along to St Albans Cathedral to watch Steve Murray – Hanson from Behold Ministry bring familiar parables and scripture narratives to life through mime. The event is free but would recommend you book to ensure your place. For more information or to book please visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival/whats-on/>

Find us on Facebook: [@TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival](https://www.facebook.com/TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival) and Instagram: [@ScriptureFestival](https://www.instagram.com/ScriptureFestival)

**A Day with Mary – Holy Apostles Winchester Street SW1V Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February** from 10am to 4.15pm. Kindly see the poster on the Church Notice Board for more information.

**Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022:** In ongoing planning for this, since the Coronavirus pandemic began, it is important to know who intends to travel with Westminster Diocese and in what capacity. For this reason, an Expression of Interest Form is available online for completion. Please remember to tick 'Yes' or 'No', and to read and sign the Privacy Statement before returning the form, and note, the completion of the Expression of Interest Form does not constitute a commitment to make a booking. <https://forms.rcdow.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage-2022-expression-of-interest/> or visit Westminster Diocese Pilgrimages webpage.

### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

The Second Reading for today is very famous as reading for weddings, and rightly so. It is an extraordinary, breath taking and beautiful ode to the wonders of love which has few equals in scripture. When Christ told us to love God above all things, and our neighbour as our self, we talk about Him having given us "the golden rule." Love is the beginning and end of all things in our faith, and, indeed, it is the beginning and end of all things as a whole. After all, the God who is "alpha and omega, the beginning and the end" is also simply defined by St John with the words "God is love."

But what is love? Love is a vast, multifaceted phenomenon which ranges from our love for our parents, our love for our friends, our love for strangers and the love with feel for a fiancé or spouse. What unites them all is that, in every case, love means a deep-seated desire for the good of the other.

This is, however, no mere "wishing someone well." No, love is passionate, it is a fire which spurs us on. When we see injustice done to our beloved can, and should, feel a burning thirst for justice. When we see our beloved suffer can, and should wish to move heaven and earth to save them.

None of this, however, means that love need be meek and mild. If a mother were to see her toddler putting his hand into an electrical socket she would naturally cry out and bat the child's hand away from danger. Maybe the child cries, and is frustrated, but the mother knows her duty as a loving parent. This is true for our love of all people: it does not mean we should be weak in the face of error or of people hurting themselves and their souls. We are called to challenge, sometimes, out of love.

Nevertheless, it is important that our love be apparent. Sometimes this is difficult, but when someone knows you love them and care about them they will be much more likely to listen and respond to us. They are more likely to see our help for them as something more than condescension. They may ask "what is this love? Why does this person care about me?" It is there that people begin to see the love of Jesus Christ shining through.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**Simon P Murphy, Baby Romeo DeMello, Bernadette Moran,  
Fr Dominic Byrne, Pat Suckling, Zofia Moore.**  
*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. Amen+*