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NEWSLETTER

20TH FEBRUARY 2022 ✠ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Responsorial Psalm: 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

Response: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

12/13 February 2022

Envelopes	£ 321.00
Loose	<u>£ 256.11</u>
Total	<u>£ 577.11</u>

5/6 February 2022

Envelopes	£ 158.00
Loose	<u>£ 293.03</u>
Total	<u>£ 451.03</u>

Standing Orders January 2022 £ 3,282.50

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

First Holy Communion 2022: The dates for the First Holy Communion will be allocated after half term. Please note that some parents still need to pay the £15 for the course book.

Confirmation 2021-22: Our next Confirmation meeting will be on Tuesday at 5pm in the Loyola Centre.

Funeral of Margaret O'Sullivan: On Saturday 26th February at 3:30pm. All parishioners welcome.

Repository: The parish will be opening a Repository at the back of the church after Mass on alternate weekends - beginning Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March. On sale will be a selection of rosary beads and crucifixes as well as Mass cards, and cards celebrating First Holy Communion and other sacramental occasions. There will also be a range of books available including Bibles (for both adults and children), prayer books and items that might be appropriate gifts for younger members of the parish preparing for First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

A more in-depth description of what is on offer will be available next weekend - a week prior to the launch of the Repository.

Weekly Donation Envelopes: As we are due to place an order for the next Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 10th 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 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 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.

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 Child's 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 Passage a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert or telephone 020 75921856

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm: The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass 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 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please

email the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

Throughout history, in every time and place, people have worked tirelessly to destroy their enemies and rejoiced with gay abandon when it came. It is often difficult to love our neighbour as we ought. The task may seem overwhelming at times, especially when we hardly feel we have time to keep things together ourselves. How much more for those who are our enemies. Yet today Our Lord gives us this extraordinary, revolutionary and yet binding commandment: love your enemies.

While this may seem madness at first, the deep wisdom of what Our Lord commands us is clear if we reflect upon it for a while. Note, firstly, that he commands us to love them, not like them. We cannot control who we like very well, but we can control who we love. As we heard about a few weeks ago, love can be simply described as an act of the will to work for the good of the other. The good of anyone, including our enemies, is, above all, that they should avoid evil and do good. If we have been the victim of some evil on their part then working for them to recognise and repent of that evil is very much the loving thing to do. If, on the other hand, we have wronged our enemy as least as much as he has wronged us then we know that repentance is needed on both sides.

This leads us to the second piece of great wisdom I would like to discuss in what Our Lord says today: the great value of reconciliation without recrimination. As believers in a just and loving God, we cannot doubt that whatever wrong has been done on earth, whether to us or to other people, will be repaid by God. Our God is a God of mercy *and* justice. This should give us the confidence to move on from mutual resentment without fear that we are abandoning those wronged in the past. How many ancient ethnic and national hatreds mar our world? How many of those hatreds have led to unspeakable crimes in every century, including our own? These hatreds are often the result of real wrongs and genuine grievances, but they remain a festering wound so long as they are held. We English Catholics, to take one tiny example, do not abandon the memory of our martyrs if we are kind and friendly to our Anglican neighbours. For one thing, it was, after all, Anglicans who voted for our emancipation two hundred years ago. Animosity would serve no good purpose and would damage both us and the image of Christians as a whole. We love and honour our martyrs, we remember with sorrow the persecutions, confiscations, destructions and murders. But we do all this while united with all people of good will in our determination that such things should never happen again.

So, while the call to "love your enemies" may seem madness at first, we see that it is, in fact, true wisdom. God is just, God is merciful, we leave things in His hands and know that all will be well in the end.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Bernadette Moran, Fr Dominic Byrne, Pat Suckling, Zofia Moore, Margaret O'Sullivan, Rose Hook.

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