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NEWSLETTER

6TH MARCH 2022 ✦ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 10am.

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 1

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: 90(91):1-2,10-15

Response: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

26/27 February 2022

Envelopes	£ 240.50
Loose	<u>£ 323.35</u>
Total	<u>£ 563.85</u>

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: A & C Roberts (Thursday)

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

Bell: We are delighted to announce that work to restore our bell to use will begin when the scaffolding goes up on Monday 14th March. The bell will ring for the noon and 6pm Angelus, before all Masses and for funerals, the consecration at Mass and at weddings. This will be the first time the bell has rung for many decades and will be our community's confidence response to the waning of the pandemic and our return to Mass. The total cost of the work will be £13,069. We are hoping to raise as much of this money as possible from donations, rather than from our small parish funds. Happily, we have already received

just under £3000 in donations towards the cost so far. Please consider contributing to the bell fund and help restore this beautiful part of our parish and town's history.

Repository: The parish will be opening a Repository at the back of the church after Mass on alternate weekends - beginning this weekend. 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. The Repository Items sheet is available in the Church porch.

TRAIDCRAFT is back after its winter break with its usual range of fair-trade products - including tea, coffee, biscuits and Easter Eggs. The stall will be available on these weekends: March 12/13, March 19/20 & March 26/27 (Easter Hamper raffle weekend). We will be outside the church (weather permitting) before the 6pm Mass and between the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. Come and see what is available. Help change lives through trade!

Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 10th April 2022 to April 2023: Will be available for collection from weekend 12/13 March. 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](#).

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. 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.

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

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).

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022 - HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice.: We celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity. Funds raised will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD - Family Fast Day on Friday 11th March: We remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

At the beginning of His public ministry our Lord had one simple message: "repent, and believe the gospel." Repentance: the setting aside of everything within us which is not of God and turning towards the gospel with all our hearts is the very essence of being a true disciple, true conversion. But true interior conversion must, naturally, lead us to express our new outlook in actions. We need, in short, to become better people. We must get rid of bad habits, vices, and build up good habits, virtues. During Lent in a particular way we are called to do this by imitating our Lord's forty days of fasting in the desert. As St John says "by my works will show you my faith."

We do this in three ways: prayer, fasting and alms giving. Each helps us in a different way to discipline ourselves, shedding our sinful vices and building up virtues.

Prayer is certainly the first and most important part of becoming a better Christian. As our Lord says "without me you can do nothing." Christ carried the sins of the whole world on His back as He claimed the hill of Calvary. It was hard, but He alone had the strength to do it. He wants us to put our own sins, and all our troubles, onto His back. As He said just before His suffering: "I was born for this." Even when we do not feel the repentance we should feel, we can at least ask God to give us the grace of true repentance. More than that, we can also ask for the grace we need to be strong in the future.

Fasting is something we do less than in the past. Our ancestors in the faith, for more than a thousand years, would have eaten no meat for all of Lent and only eaten on full meal a day! It would probably be unwise for most of us to try to copy them, but we can and should give up something. This helps to crush the sin of greed within us, helps to build up our self-control and can also leave aside a little spare money which we can use to help the needy.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Bernadette Moran, Fr Dominic Byrne, Pat Suckling, Zofia Moore, Margaret O'Sullivan, Rose Marie Hook.

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