



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 ✠ 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 2*

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

**Response:** *The Lord is my light and my help.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

#### 5/6 March 2022

Envelopes £ 484.21

Loose £ 365.86

Total **£ 850.07**

**Standing Orders February 2022 £ 2,821.50**

**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

**Bell:** We are delighted to announce that work to restore our bell to use will begin when the scaffolding goes up on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Carpenter:** The parish needs a wooden stand for the crucifix we will use on Good Friday. If anyone is able to make one (preferably also stained and varnished) please contact to Fr Christian.

**Repository:** The parish has opened a Repository at the back of the church after Mass on alternate weekends. 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 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to April 2023:** are available for collection after weekend Masses at the Rectory Porch, parish volunteers will help you and during weekdays at the Rectory Parish office. 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*.

### 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. 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 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

**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. Please take a donation envelope or use the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD - Family Fast Day Collection:** 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](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

As we continue along our journey towards Easter we see in today's gospel a little reflection of what is to come. The apostles are about to go up to Jerusalem with our Lord and will see Him arrested, mocked, tortured and crucified. Imagine the strength needed to stay true through all of that, to stay true. As always, our Lord is merciful well beyond what is necessary, so He does not expect the apostles to stay true without having given them a little taste of who He really is. In this sense the Transfiguration, as we call it, is not a transformation of Our Lord but the revealing for a short time of who He really is, what He really is and has been from all eternity. Not only that, He stands between the two greatest prophets, Moses and Elijah of the Old Testament, who each represent the two halves of the ancient Jewish scriptures: the law and the prophets.

Perhaps much like the apostles we, in this difficult time, also need confirming in our hope. Often things can seem bleak. All of us have been under great strain in these past two years, and the addition of war in Europe is not making that easier. This strain is, however, one which we know, sooner or later, will end. The transfiguration can remind us that, in the end, this is true of all our earthly sufferings. The shining glory of the Risen Christ stands for us as a permanent sign and symbol of the divine mercy which has been poured out on us and will continue to be so long as we ask for it.

In Lent we continue to look particularly towards the cross, to look upon the sufferings of Christ for our sake. In that we see what God would do for each and every one of us. But let us not lose sight of the whole: that the suffering and death of Our Lord are part of the single Paschal Mystery, the mystery which ends in the triumph of the resurrection. We do not deny the importance of suffering or pretend that it is nothing at all. It is important and it is very real, but it is part of a wider story, a story of new birth.

### 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+*