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NEWSLETTER

20TH MARCH 2022 ✠ 3RD 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 3

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Responsorial Psalm: 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

Response: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

12/13 March 2022

Envelopes	£ 330.80
Loose	£ 327.41
Total	£ 658.21

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

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos (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

Bell: As parishioners can see the scaffolding for the work on the bell has gone up. The bell foundry will take the bell away for repair on the 28th. The scaffolding will remain up till the work is complete, hopefully in around two months. There has been a wonderful response so far to the appeal for funds. Of the £13,000 needed just under £6000 has been pledged in the last two weeks. Please do consider contributing, even if you can only afford a small amount so we can make up the remaining £7000.

Yolanda Albutt RIP: The parish is sad to announce the death, this week, of long-standing parishioner Yolanda Albutt. A regular weekday Mass goer, Yolanda was indispensable in setting up the new parish Rosary group. Please pray for her.

First Holy Communion 2022: All parents should note that the children's workbooks will be taken in for marking next Sunday 27th March.

Repository: Will be open before and after all Masses this weekend - 19th/20th March and then, two weeks later, on the weekend - 2nd/ 3rd April.

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 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: 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 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 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.

Lent Retreat for Young Adults (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 2nd April 2022, a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

In today's Gospel Our Lord addresses one of the most difficult and often pressing questions which we might ask of God: why is it that sometimes the wicked seem to prosper? Indeed, this question may play on our minds more than usual right now as we see the horrible images of death and destruction in Ukraine play out on our television screens.

On the face of it, it seems that to prosper one should be good. After all, if we do the right thing, build a better world for ourselves and others, then surely good things will happen? Yet so often it does not. Perhaps we should simply believe that the strong prosper, and that is the way of nature. But how can we, as believers in a loving, good God?

So, how are we to understand all this? Firstly, we must always have the cross at the forefront of our minds. God Himself, in the flesh, Jesus Christ, was poor and suffered. He was despised, as had been prophesied, so much so that His detractors took Him, tortured Him and murdered Him. Perfection itself, and yet the appearance of failure. We may not know why this or that suffering has come upon us; we may not know, for now, what the cause is, but we can know with absolute certainty that God is there with us.

Secondly, there is what Our Lord says: be glad that God has the mercy to allow the wicked time to repent. However wicked a man might be, we cannot forget that he may one day be a greater saint than we ever will be. Our faith is a faith of redemption, of transformation. No one is beyond the power of God to save. Perhaps people do not always take the chances they are given by God, but at least they are given.

This is also important for us, as well as notorious sinners. We may not be known as a great sinner, but we most certainly have sinned. We too are given the chance to repent, the time to become holy, for every moment we remain here on earth. Let us not waste our time.

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, Yolanda Albutt.

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