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NEWSLETTER

27TH MARCH 2022 ✠ 4TH 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 4

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Responsorial Psalm: 33(34):2-7

Response: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

19/20 March 2022

Envelopes	£ 286.95
Loose	£ 242.22
Total	£ 529.17

Church Cleaning TEAM 4: M Pinto, N Pinto & E Dudouet. (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

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 over £7000 has been pledged in the last three weeks. Please do consider contributing, even if you can only afford a small amount so we can make up the remaining £6000.

HOLY WEEK 2022

- **Ministers of Word & Stewards:** are requested to sign the sheet available in the Church porch for the Triduum from **Wednesday 30th March**. Please opt for one service, allowing other ministers a chance to serve.
- **Easter Flower Collection:** Next Weekend 2/ 3 April after all Masses.
- **Penitential Liturgy:** on **Friday 8th April**, 7pm to 8pm and an extra hour of Confessions before Easter is on **Saturday 9th April**, 9:30am to 11:15am.
- **Parish Easter Cards** will be available soon.
- **NO online bookings** are required for Triduum/Easter Masses.

Fr Athanasius McVay: A Ukrainian Rite Catholic priest, working at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, will join us for Mass on Monday morning. Fr Athanasius is an old friend of Fr Christian and is visiting us for a little quite time. If you would like to join him in prayer for Ukraine, and receive his blessings do come along.

Yolanda Albutt RIP: The funeral is on Friday 8th April at 11am. All are welcome.

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

Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 10th April 2022 to April 2023: are available for collection 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*.

Repository: Will be open before and after all Masses 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 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!

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

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022 - HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice.: Please take a donation envelope or use the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you from CAFOD: Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. For lots more, detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

The prodigal son is in many ways the model of modern man: he strikes out bold and independent. He will make his own way in the world. But already at this stage there are little, background problems. Why is the prodigal son “squandering his money on a life of debauchery”? Because he thinks it is awfully fun, we might suppose to be the first reason. Well, yes, it might be amusing for a while. But there is an emptiness here. The prodigal son is cut off from his family. He has his wealth, but the source of that wealth, the family farm, he has left behind. He has gone off to a far distant country. He is a man alone.

The prodigal son is alone with nothing but finite pleasures to comfort him. Pleasure, for him, is nothing more than a drug to help him hide from the emptiness he has created in his own heart. Is this not the human condition? We find ourselves in this world as finite creatures. We look up into the stars, into the vast abyss of space and think that we are nothing, that it all ends in death. It is for good reason scripture call humanity without Christ “a people who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.”

It takes a fall into poverty to bring the prodigal son to his senses. When his riches run out and he cannot pay for any more pleasures to mask his own emptiness that the prodigal son sees that he must return to his father or die alone. Here is one of the reasons why God has always particularly loved the poor. Poverty is not, of course, a good thing in itself. It is painful, and grinding and miserable and we must do all in our power to alleviate it. But, those who are in it are at least more likely to see the truth of their own condition. They are not shackled to this earth with chains of gold and silver.

So the son returns to the bosom of his family, to the joy of being welcomed home, to a circle of love. Had he ever realised how loved he was? Given his actions, probably not. It is the shock of his degradation which brings the son to his senses. So we see good being brought out of bad, joy out of despair, hope out of hopelessness, suffering to resurrection.

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+