



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022 ✱ 5<sup>TH</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 9:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Year C Ps Week 1*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** 125(126)

**Response:** *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

#### 27/28 March 2022

Envelopes	£ 273.30
Loose	£ 323.05
Total	£ 596.35

**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](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:** 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 £8000 has been pledged in the last four weeks. Please do consider contributing, even if you can only afford a small amount so we can make up the remaining £5000.

**Yolanda Albutt RIP:** The funeral is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. All are welcome.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

- **Parish Easter Cards** are available in the Church porch.
- **Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers & Stewards:** are requested to sign the sheet available in the Church porch for the Triduum. Please opt for one service, allowing other Ministers a chance to serve.
- **Altar Servers:** Please sign up for the liturgies you will be present for on the sheet in the Sacristy.
- **Easter Flower Collection:** TODAY after all Masses.
- **Good Friday:** Retiring Collection for the Holy Places.
- **Penitential Liturgy:** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm to 8pm. Three priests will be available, including a visiting priest. An extra hour of Confessions before Easter is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am to 11:15am.
- **NO online bookings** are required for Triduum/Easter Masses.

**Choir for Easter:** The parish is looking to put together a small choir to sing at our Holy Week services. We are lucky to have two talented singers already but more are needed. Extensive experience is not required, even inexperienced singers are helpful in leading hymns. Anyone who would like to apply should contact Fr Christian. The rehearsal will be next Saturday (9<sup>th</sup> April) afternoon.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2022:** Classes will resume after Easter.

**Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to April 2023:** are available for collection weekdays at the Rectory Parish office.

**SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH:** *A big THANK YOU to all our parishioners who have been supporting our parish through Standing Order, Weekly Donation Envelopes, Gift Aid Scheme, Blue Envelopes and to all those who are planning to join.* Please continue your support.

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*.

### 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.

**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 **TODAY**.

**TRAIDCRAFT:** Thank you once again to all those who supported the Traidcraft stall over the last three weeks and in doing so helped change lives through trade. The hampers were very popular again and we have 4 lucky winners: Mary S, Josette S, Brenda G and Anne O. Over the last couple of years, we have not made donation to charities as in previous years, and so are in a position now that we can donate **£200 to CAFOD and £200 to our Church Bell restoration project.** Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

### 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 & Confirmation 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 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.

**Dignity of Work:** As Catholics we believe in the Dignity of Work. The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available to them. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online 'Stepping Stones' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a Dignified Work Champion in your parish or outreach project. This programme has been funded by the St John Southworth Fund. More information, video and registration [www.tinyurl.com/workchampions](http://www.tinyurl.com/workchampions) The programme will start after Easter, the deadline for applications is 15th April 2022.

### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Passion Sunday, we enter the final part of our journey towards the Sacred Triduum, the three celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter itself.

Every day of the year is a good day on which to meditate on the Passion of our Lord, but during these two weeks we concentrate with particular intensity on that sorrowful journey. Why do we focus so much on the Passion? Surely the glory of the resurrection should be our central focus? Yes, of course, the resurrection is the primary focus of our Christian life but we can never escape from the fact that it is the cross alone which leads to the resurrection. As our Lord has said: "if anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." What can "come after me" mean but be rise from the dead as he did?

Why is the cross so necessary? In strict terms, it is not necessary as such. God the Father does not demand the blood of His Son directly. Rather, it is the tragic consequence of sin, of departure from God. God has, from the beginning, expected only one thing, that humanity should be what he made it to be: good. Humanity was made to be good, to love God, to know God, to serve God and to be happy with God forever. Yet we are not. This is Christ's primary mission, to live as all people should live, to perfectly live out God's vision for humanity. But our Lord does this in a fallen world. In a world with sin, God's perfect creation has been damaged, it suffers from an infection, a parasite: evil. Evil cannot exist by itself, just as disease cannot exist by itself. It is a disorder, a warping of how things ought to be. As we know, diseases don't just persist, they expand into any healthy body they can. This is why evil cannot abide goodness. Evil's nature is to attack and corrupt goodness. So, when faced with perfect goodness, as it was in the person of Jesus Christ, evil attacks. Our Lord came to perfectly fulfil the will of God the Father, and the price which the fallen world demanded for that was His death on the cross.

### 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+*