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NEWSLETTER

10TH APRIL 2022 ✱ *Palm Sunday*



MASS TIMES

(Please refer to the Holy week & Easter Mass times)

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

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

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 2

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

Response: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 23:56

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

2/3 April 2022

Envelopes	£ 199.50
Loose	£ 263.02
Total	£ 462.52

Church Cleaning TEAM 6: J Rodrigues, C Lobo & A Vadakathara (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 over £8,325 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 £4,675.

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: Thank you for your kind donations, we have raised **£102.01**.

Good Friday: Day of fast and Abstinence. There will be a retiring Collection for the Holy Places.

NO online bookings are required for Triduum/Easter Masses.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2022

Monday 11th April & Tuesday 12th April: Mass at 9:30am
(Church opens at 8:30am)

Wednesday 13th April: Church CLOSED

14th April 2022: Maundy Thursday

(There will be no morning Mass, Church opens at 3pm)

8:00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Washing of the Feet and

Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

(Compline at 11:45)

15th April 2022: Good Friday

(There will be no morning Mass. Church opens at 9am)

10am: Stations of the Cross for Children

3:00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

16th April 2022: Holy Saturday

(There will be no morning Mass. Church opens at 12noon)

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

17th April 2022: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Masses: 9:30am and 11:30am

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous donations, we have raised **£290.40** toward CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

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

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: NEW Weekly Donation Envelopes start TODAY! 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 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*.

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

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.

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.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

At any great military parade there is always a particular mixture of tragedy and triumph. The enemy is vanquished, the right has triumphed (from at least one perspective) and the danger is usually over. There is also, however, the quiet, usually unmentioned, tragedy of the victims of a conflict. The defeated enemy, the soldiers of the victors, many have died. Strangely it is this mixture, perhaps, which makes the celebration worthwhile. A great parade to celebrate a bloodless victory would seem faintly comic, or even disrespectful, to most people.

Today we too have a victory parade. We hail the arrival of Our Lord into Jerusalem. Palms are waved, music is played. Traditionally we sing "hail to the Lord's anointed! great David's greater son!" We greet Him as the Son of David, another conquering hero. This tone of triumph will actually continue in some form all the way through Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday traditionally, the church sings the ancient hymn "vexilla regis." "The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow." The metre this ancient hymn is sung too is the same as that used by Roman armies when they sang during their triumphal victory processions in the Eternal City.

Here too we see the mix of joy and tragedy present in any victory march. We sing to the Lord's anointed, yet we sing "ride on! ride on in majesty! in lowly state ride on to die! ... The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice." This will be no bloodless victory.

There will be a singular difference, however, between this ultimate triumph of God and the usual triumph of man over man. The blood poured out for this victory will not be the blood of the enemy but will all be that of the victor Himself. And what is this victory for? For the glory of God, surely, but also for those who would otherwise have been His enemies: sinful humanity. This is, for us, a bloodless victory, for the blood poured out is all from God Himself. We are not expected to fight, need not suffer, all is grace, all is a gift from He who loves us. As Abraham prophesied centuries before: "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

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+