



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

24TH APRIL 2022 ✱ SECOND SUNDAY OF 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: The church will be open for Mass only.

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSION.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Year C Ps Week 2

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

EASTER COLLECTION - 16/17 April 2022

Envelopes	£ 592.00
Loose	£ 931.89
Total	<u>£ 1,523.89</u>

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 & 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 took the bell away for repair on the 28th March. 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 £9,495 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 £3,505.

First Holy Communion Class will resume this Sunday.

Confirmation 2022: Please note, the next class is on Tuesday 10th May instead of 26th April.

Fundraising for Church Bell Restoration Fund & the British Red Cross UKRAINE Crisis Appeal: Saturday 7th May and Sunday 8th

May'22 after all Masses. As Lent has come to an end and we have joyfully celebrated Easter, let us now welcome the opportunity to tuck into some lovely treat to support these two causes to make a difference. We are planning to sell yummy cakes and savoury food for all to enjoy and are also reaching out to all parishioners who are happy to help. Please contact Rachel Candappa on 07887 545317 Monday to Sunday between 3pm and 7pm with your suggestions/offers, latest by Monday, 2nd May'22. Thank you for your continuous support to St. Ignatius of Loyola parish fundraising events.

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 next rota starting 8th May will be available next week in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - *Parish Groups.*

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

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses next weekend (30th April/1st May)

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.

EVENTS

Permanent Diaconate - 'Come and See': The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest 'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 23rd April, 10am - 12noon at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster SW1P 1QN. For further information see <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April 2022: A short service of the devotion starting with Holy Mass at 11am. Everyone welcome. Tea/Coffee in the porch. Contact: D McCarthy on 07890199583. Please see the posters for more details.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. For questions about the campaign or assistance to donate, please ring 020 7592 1856.

Job Opportunity – Warden & Clerk – St Scholastica's Retreat:

Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this alms-house charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Closing date: Monday 9th May. For details of the role and how to apply, see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy

Reflection from the Redemptorists:

In the locked room, the disciples are waiting, afraid. Jesus has been killed, and they fear they could be next. They are not really sure what they are supposed to do. Thomas, at least, is full of doubt and cannot bring himself to believe what some of the others have been saying about seeing a risen Christ. He needs proof. He is moving away from belief, towards unbelief. Yet when Christ appears Thomas seems ready, somehow, to believe. When Jesus says, "Peace be with you", Thomas is not just reassured, he is full of joy and awe. "My Lord and my God!" he says. But to reach this point, to repeat Henry Moore's phrase, "the spark has to jump across the gap". Some commentators believe that Thomas had actually become rather cynical and almost didn't want to believe. Even faced with the testimony of people close to him, he rejected what he heard. But surely, to move so quickly from a state of doubt to a profound belief in Jesus as God, Thomas must have been reaching out in some way, at least wanting to believe? When he sees and experiences God's presence, when he hears the word "Peace", his anxieties and doubts are quelled, and he believes. He is ready to accept his mission and continue Christ's work. "Doubt no longer but believe," says Jesus; and Thomas is quick to accept the invitation.

Most of us have experienced periods of doubt. Anxiety and fear can become blocks or barriers, as they were for the people who didn't dare to join the faithful in our first reading. We are afraid to believe – we cannot take that leap across what feels like empty space. Why are we so frightened? Is it because of the possible consequences? What might it mean to our comfortable lives if we really believed and accepted Christ's mission? Or is it a lack of trust? Unless we hear Jesus say to us, "Peace be with you", we are not convinced of his presence and we are not ready for our mission. We are like the points in Henry Moore's sculpture that can't quite touch – we reach out but, because we can't believe we can get there, we don't stretch ourselves enough and we remain limited. We are called to move towards belief and towards trust. God is with us. But we can only really come to believe and trust in God if we are open to do so. The feeling of openness can be frightening, because, in our human experience, when we allow people to get close to us, we know we can be hurt. But God loves us. When Thomas expresses his doubt, Jesus does not appear in a blaze of anger and send Thomas away. He invites Thomas to come closer, to see and to touch his wounds. Peace is God's action among us. God's presence brings joy, not fear. We can overcome our doubts, our fear and our anxiety as we move towards belief, towards trust. We stretch ourselves out towards God, who invites us to come closer.

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+