



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE RECTORY, GREEN STREET, SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX TW16 6QB

TELEPHONE: 01932 783 507 EMAIL: SUNBURYONTHAMES@RCDOW.ORG.UK

WEB: PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/SUNBURYONTHAMES/

RECTOR: FR CHRISTIAN DE LISLE

ADMINISTRATOR: LAVINA MENEZES E FERNANDES

NEWSLETTER

1ST MAY 2022 ✦ THIRD 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. Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022.

Rosary: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.



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 3

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Responsorial Psalm: 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

Response: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me. or Alleluia!*

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

23/24 April 2022

Envelopes	£ 297.46
Easter Envelopes	£ 120.00
Loose	£ 321.05
Total	£ 738.51

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 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 £9,500 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 £3,500.

Fundraising for Church Bell Restoration Fund & the British Red Cross UKRAINE Crisis Appeal: CAKE & SAVOURY FOOD SALE! Saturday 7th May and Sunday 8th May'22 after all Masses. As we

have joyfully celebrated Easter, let us now welcome the opportunity to tuck into some lovely treats 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.

Priest Training Fund: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend- 7/8 May. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

THE 100 CLUB – RENEWAL & PAY OUT TIME: It's a very exciting time for the St Ignatius 100 Club, it's the end of the Year Draw when we empty the account and we have over £700 to pay out in prizes to some of our lucky members. This will happen after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th May. It's also renewal time and if you haven't already received a reminder by email please look out for Helen & Marek after all Masses over the next two weekends. We are also welcoming new members, you can join by completing the form online from the website or speak to Helen or Marek anytime! Contact - M: 07879 415578 E: stignatius100club@btinternet.com or at 14 Nursery Road. Good Luck to all our loyal & lovely members.

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.

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*

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 is available 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 **TODAY!**

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.

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.

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

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.

Reflection from the Redemptorists:

Perhaps the disciples in today's Gospel were in a similar situation. They were in a state of shock after Jesus' death. And even though the risen Jesus had already shown himself to them, they were unable to take in these strange events. So, they carried on with their lives as if nothing had happened. Like Annie with her cooking and cleaning, the apostles turned to what was familiar: they went fishing. They were in denial, avoiding facing up to what had happened; and, symbolically, they came back empty-handed – they had caught nothing. Avoidance and denial are not productive strategies for dealing with life's crises. Then Jesus enters the scene. Significantly, the night is over and the dawn has broken. Light is always symbolic in John's Gospel, and although at first the disciples don't recognise him, the presence of Jesus signals the end of the darkness and the dawn of a new day for them. He helps them find what they have been looking for – not simply fish, but a way of moving forward out of their state of shock and grief, a way of moving from denial to acceptance, from disbelief to faith, from death to perceiving the truth of the resurrection. The penny drops – “It is the Lord” – and, typically, it is the impetuous Peter who plunges straight in to reach Jesus. The scene that follows illustrates how Jesus helps Peter to move forward. He gently leads Peter to face up to his past. Perhaps the easiest thing would have been for Jesus to have glossed over Peter's threefold denial. But Jesus knows that if Peter is to move on, he needs to confront his past and grow from it. So, gathered around a charcoal fire, reminiscent of the charcoal fire by which Peter had stood the night he denied Christ, Jesus gently begins the healing process. He knows that Peter's denials have been eating away inside him, and so he gives Peter a chance to be redeemed, to make good the past. By his questioning, Jesus is actually helping Peter overcome the wound that he had inflicted on himself, pouring in his forgiveness and healing. This time Peter is able to make more than a merely impetuous profession of love: he makes a deep commitment. This is what Christ elicits from Peter – for Peter's sake – so that Peter will be able to face his future without running away again, without denying the Lord he loves.

In our own lives, we meet situations that cause us shock, which we find hard to accept or deal with. There are things in the past of each one of us that are painful and in need of healing or forgiveness. If we try to avoid them and just focus on the superficialities of our daily lives, these wounds will eat away inside us. They will keep us in the tomb of denial, anger, despair, darkness. We will remain dead inside. But if, like the beloved disciple, we can recognise the presence of the Lord, he will help us face our problems and heal our wounds, as he helped Peter. We find in Christ not condemnation and recrimination, but forgiveness and acceptance of who we are. He is the light that can dispel our inner darkness, the hope that drives away despair. And if, like Peter, we can commit ourselves in love to Christ, he will invite us to follow him and to exercise a loving, pastoral responsibility towards others: “Feed my sheep.” This will undoubtedly lead us to the cross – but the future need hold no terror for us, for the cross always leads us to the light of the 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+