



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 ✦ FOURTH 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:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8am-5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

**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.



**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 4

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14,43-52

**Responsorial Psalm:** 99(100):1-3,5

**Response:** *We are his people, the sheep of his flock. or Alleluia!*

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**30<sup>th</sup> April /1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

Envelopes £ 146.75

Loose £ 297.05

**Total £ 443.80**

**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](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 took the bell away for repair on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 - YUMMY CAKES & SAVOURY FOOD SALE TODAY!** Saturday 7th May and Sunday 8th May'22 after all Masses. If you have **no cash** to buy, no problem. We are happy to take an **IOU** today. Thank you for your continuous support to St. Ignatius of Loyola parish fundraising events.

**Priest Training Fund:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a *donation envelope*, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the *QR code* to make your donation *online* or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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*

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022**. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the PARISH OFFICE the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

### Reflection from the Redemptorists:

Like Gandhi, the early Christian Church found itself faced with the constant threat of violence. At first its opponents offered argument, and verbal abuse, then it developed into threats and assaults, and eventually Christians found themselves facing arrest, imprisonment and even death. The apostle Paul experienced all these things, in an ascending order of hostility throughout the course of his missionary life. His visit to Antioch in Pisidia with Barnabas is welcomed by the local people, but resented by the Jewish community, his own people. Paul and Barnabas are expelled from the city. The Christian community in Rome suffered terrible treatment at the hands of the emperor, Nero. They were made scapegoats for the fire that destroyed a great part of the city. They were most cruelly dealt with to distract the population from uncomfortable rumours about the emperor himself. The shock of this violence prompted John the apostle to write about them and to reassure the followers of Jesus that all would be well. The people who went "through the great persecution", as John describes it in today's second reading, were the Christians of Rome, who suffered at the hands of Nero in AD 64. John tells us that God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. He wants us to persevere in our faith and in our love and not to yield to the temptation to turn to violence ourselves. Our great example in all this is Jesus: the one who describes himself as a shepherd, who cares for his sheep, even to the point of laying down his life for them. In conversation with the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus speaks of his true followers as those who listen to his voice. That voice speaks of peace; it also speaks of justice and truth. It is a voice that will not be silenced. Violence cannot stop the force of truth.

*Today's generation, like every generation that has gone before, is plagued by violence. People suffer greatly through the anger, hostility and downright viciousness that occur every day around the globe. The evil that people do lives after them, spawning more evil in its turn, creating cycles of violence. Looking at history, as Gandhi did, do we learn the lesson it teaches? Looking to Jesus, do we hear his voice? As the followers of Christ, are we true members of his flock, living peaceful lives? John, in his vision, sees a huge number of people, made up from every nation, race, tribe and language. They are people who have suffered, but who have come through suffering and are now victorious. That victory is not only over the violence of others, but also over the temptation to violence that we find in ourselves. This is the greater victory, the victory over ourselves. Gandhi was inspired in his life by the teaching of Jesus in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers." In his turn, Gandhi inspired Martin Luther King, who led the great movement in America in the 1960s for justice and equality. Both these men, Gandhi and King, met with violent deaths. But they were not defeated. Their message, their voice, their example lives on. In the face of evil, Jesus does not ask us to do nothing. He asks us to do everything that will lead people into the ways of peace.*

#### 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+*