



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

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

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

The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 26th May 2022

Masses at 9:30am & 7:00pm

The Church will be closed all day on Wednesday.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 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 Tuesday. All are welcome.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am – 11:15am followed by Benediction.

CONFESSION: Saturday 10:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) or by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Year C Ps Week 2

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Responsorial Psalm: 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or Alleluia!

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

14/15 May 2022

Envelopes	£ 225.20
Loose	£ 291.83
Total	£ 517.03

Standing Orders April 2022 **£ 3,247.50**

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 you will all hear our bell is now fully restored and ringing! I am delighted to say that the project has finished on time and within budget. Again, I would like to thank, on behalf

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of the parish, everyone who has helped make this project possible by their prayers, advise, and generosity. The yummy cakes & savoury food sale last week was an outstanding success, raising over £1,200. A particular thanks to everyone involved in making it such a triumph. By now we are only £1860 short of our target.

8th and 9th May 2022 – Fundraising event for British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal Fund and St. Ignatius Church Bell Restoration Fund. Beyond all expectations, you all helped to raise the unimaginable total amount of £1,250 for these two valuable causes. A h-u-g-e thanks to all for supporting this event.

Confirmation 2022: Congratulation to all our 34 candidates who made their Confirmation on Friday 20th May.

First Holy Communion 2022: The rehearsals will be on the Friday before the First Holy Communion Mass at 4:30pm in the Church. The dates are, therefore, the 27th May, 3rd June and 10th June.

11:30 Mass: Those who usually attend the 11:30am Mass on Sunday should note that for the next three Sundays the parish First Holy Communion will be taking place in that Mass. All are welcome to attend and the Mass should not be enormously longer but those who are worried about getting a seat or parking may wish to attend the 6pm or 9:30am Masses instead.

Priest Training Fund: Thank you for your generosity, we have raised **£451.50**. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

THE 100 CLUB – RENEWAL: It's renewal time! We are also welcoming new members, you can join by completing the form online from the Parish website or speak to Helen/Marek. Contact M: 07879415578. E: stignatius100club@btinternet.com

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.

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.

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.

EVENTS

Permanent Diaconate - 'Come & 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 21st May, 10am - 12noon at Church of The Guardian Angels, 377 Mile End Road, E3 4QS. For further information please contact Deacon Adrian Cullen adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or 07961 594725 <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

National Days of Prayer & Fasting for Life: On Saturday 21st May, the Vigil of the Feast of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. **Fasting** Fast from all food except bread and water for the day. **Prayer** We are asking people to say a Rosary (or an extra Rosary if you say it daily already or going to Mass or going to Adoration. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

The First Reading and Gospel for today offer us two different meditations on the subject of law in our faith. In the gospel there is the eternal law of God: love. God is love, and the moral law He reveals to us is a perfect, unchangeable expression of that love. The First Reading, however, addresses the issue of what Christians are to make of the ritual laws of the Old Testament.

To help us in this God has revealed His law of love to us. These are not arbitrary laws imposed for no reason, but are the very secrets of happiness, of what we must do to become truly human, to become truly loving people. He first revealed this to the ancient people of Israel. A lot of people think Jesus was saying something new when he revealed the golden rule: love God above all things and your neighbour as yourself. He first revealed this to the ancient people of Israel, as we saw in the first reading.

This is why Christ could not possibly have come to abolish the law. The moral law is eternal, it reflects the very inner life of God himself. He could never be abolished without God denying his own nature – which is, of course, impossible. What Christ does bring, however, is the completeness of the law. In His life he is, for us God's one, total, final Word. All that God could say to explain the law better is said in the life of Christ. He is the Word of God, and God has not got a second.

What then of the laws we now ignore? What about all of those seemingly arbitrary laws in the Old Testament? Laws like not eating pork, or not wearing mixed fibres, what of them? The simple answer is that these laws are not moral laws, they are ritual laws. These laws all relate to ritual purity. They relate to the worship which the ancient Hebrews rendered to God in the great Temple in Jerusalem. But since Christ was sacrificed on the altar of the cross, his sacrifice replaces all others. Christians do not follow the Jewish ritual laws because the ancient rituals of the Jews have been abolished for us, and replaced by Christ, who's grace is poured out upon us through the sacraments. So you see: the moral law is eternal, unchangeable, but the ritual laws were replaced by Christ.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Pat Suckling, Zofia Moore, Margaret O'Sullivan, Rose Marie Hook, Yolanda Albutt, Gerald (Gerry) O'Brien.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+