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NEWSLETTER

29TH MAY 2022 ✦ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES

(Please note the adjusted times for weekday Mass this week.)

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30am & Friday: 11am.

Bank Holidays Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022.

Parish Office will be closed.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8am-5pm and Friday: 10:30am-12noon. 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 Wednesday. 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 3

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm: 96(97):1-2b,6-7,9

Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth. or Alleluia!

Second Reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

21/22 May 2022

Envelopes	£ 326.01
Loose	£ 277.39
Total	£ 603.40

Church Cleaning 1: A & C Roberts (Thursday)

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

Sunday Obligation: The bishops of England & Wales have issued a joined letter stating that since the pandemic has abated somewhat the obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday and holy days is restored as of next Sunday, Pentecost.

Please note that those who are ill or are shielding with good reason are always excused their obligation.

Platinum Jubilee: Prayers for Her Majesty the Queen at the end of all Masses next weekend in honour of her Platinum Jubilee. The National Anthem will also be sung.

Bell: Our bell is now programmed and will ring before each Mass and for the Angelus at 12noon and 6pm every day. With this our project to restore the bell is completed on time and within budget. Another thank you to all who have made this possible. We are only £1750 short of our fundraising target.

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, 3rd June and 10th June.

11:30 Mass: Those who usually attend the 11:30am Mass on Sunday should note that this Sunday, and for the next two 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.

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

Pope Francis to lead rosary for peace on 31st May: Some of you will already have seen the news that Tuesday, 31 May 2022, at 6pm (5pm UK time) Pope Francis will be reciting the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. In doing so, 'he wishes to offer a sign of hope to

the world, suffering through the conflict in Ukraine, and profoundly wounded through the violence of so many other theatres of war.' You may wish to join with the Pope's prayer on Tuesday, the end of the Marian month of May.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

This Sunday is the one which follows the Ascension of the Lord. It is perhaps a strange thing that Christians celebrate the Ascension of the Lord rather than mourn it. I am sure we have all had times when we have thought about how wonderful it would be to meet Christ in the flesh, face to face, to talk to Him, ask Him questions, hear His voice. What would He look like? Yet we do celebrate, for two main reasons: that the Ascension was both necessary and a witness to Christ's promises to us.

The Ascension was necessary for two main reasons. The first is that public revelation needed to come to an end. The Deposit of Faith, left once and for all, contains within it all that we could possibly need for salvation. Christ is, after all, the Word of God, not words. He is the complete and total Word to which nothing can be added. In Him God has given us the totality of all that could be said about Himself. The second reasons is that it was right that Christ should return to the fullness of His Godhood with the Father. This is what we mean when we say "he sits at the right hand of the Father." While Christ is not with us in His human body, He is with us at all times as God, when we pray, and especially when we experience the sacraments He has left us.

The Ascension was a great witness to Christ's promises because it shows before all our eternal destiny. Christ has called Himself the vine and we the branches. We also know that in our baptism, and especially in Holy Communion we are united into the Body of Christ. We, the Church, are the Body of Christ upon earth. He is the Head and we the Members. Where He has gone, as our Head, we are sure to follow. How could it be otherwise? If we are His body He will not abandon us here. That would be to amputate part of Himself. No, He wishes that we be where He is. Further than this, where He is is not merely heaven. It is at "the right hand of the Father." That too is where we are called to. Deep, complete, eternal, unutterable unity with the heart of the Divine One, while forever remaining our distinct selves. This is what God has prepared for those who love Him.

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+