



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

12TH JUNE 2022 ✦ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. 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 4

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8:4-9

Response: *How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!*

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

4/5 June 2022

Figures will be available next weekend.

Church Cleaning 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

Corpus Christi Procession: The parish will have a Corpus Christi Procession round the church on the afternoon of Sunday 19th June at 3pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be processed around the church under our new canopy and then there will be benediction. It should take about 20 minutes. The First Holy Communion children and their families will all attend, and then proceed on to their party in the Loyola Centre. All parishioners are welcome.

First Holy Communion Celebration: The children and families from our First Holy Communion course this year will all be

meeting for a party in the Loyola Centre to celebrate their First Communion together as a group. If at all possible, they should wear their First Holy Communion outfits.

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 has been restored as of Pentecost Sunday. Please note that those who are ill or are shielding with good reason are always excused their obligation.

Repository: Will be open before and after Mass this Sunday at 11:30am Mass.

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 Envelope.*

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 rota 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 & JOB VACANCIES

CAFOD's Gap year programme: Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. For more information, visit cafod.org.uk/gapyear

The Passage - Secret Garden Party: Thursday 7th July, 6pm-9pm, at College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Tickets start at £55 per person and include a barbecue, alcoholic and soft drinks, live entertainment and a raffle & auction. Visit: passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/garden-party/

Bible Society - Catholic Scripture Engagement Officer: Minimum of 20 hours per week up to full-time, as preferred. Visit: biblesociety.org.uk/about-us/jobs/catholic-scripture-engagement-officer/

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - Teacher of English (Early Career Teacher) strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies

THE FRIENDS - Part-time Co-ordinator: The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events for 20 hours per week. Closing date: 19 June. Visit: westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-look-for-an-organising-secretary/

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

In past centuries it was common for priests to refrain from preaching on Trinity Sunday since the subject can be very tricky! The mystery of the Trinity is, however, absolutely central to our faith. It is something to be celebrated, not downplayed. As St John Henry Newman wrote, put simply: "firmly I believe, and truly, God is Three and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son."

To flesh that out a little, through His public ministry, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God has revealed to us something about Himself which we could not have discovered by reason alone and which we, being finite creatures before the infinite majesty of God, could never fully understand: that He is One God, indivisible, yet also abiding in Three Persons. These Persons are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

How is this so? As a mystery of the faith the Trinity is above human reasoning but we can perhaps approach understanding the matter if we look within ourselves. Each of us is, without doubt, one. Yet we do have multiplicity within us. We all have memory, understanding and will. Our memory is not our understanding, or our will yet it is us, just as our will is not our understanding or memory yet is also still us. We are our memory, our understanding and our will yet these things are not each other. In the same way God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet these three Persons are not each other.

Another way to see this is as the great St Augustine did. His vision of the Trinity does something more as well, it perhaps gives us some insight into how we, the beloved children of God, are caught up in the mystery of the Trinity. St Augustine compares the Trinity to our self-understanding and love. We are, we have our own idea of our self and we have our own self-love. These three remain within us, they are all part of us as one creature, yet they are not each other. Similarly, God the Father has existed from all eternity yet, co-eternal with that existence is the Father's self-image: "the image of the invisible God" (as St Paul says). This image is God the Son, He who became man and walked by galilee. Between the Father and the Son there is a third element: the love "breathed", as it were, between them. This love we call the Holy Spirit.

So how does St Augustine say we are drawn into this vision? We are called into Christ. Also, in our baptism, and throughout our lives as Christians, we have been drawn into that love which passes between the Father and the Son. Enveloped in Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is why Christians have something far more powerful than mere eternal joy in heaven. Rather, we are drawn up into God Himself. We dwell within God, in a sense, we become participators in God. This surpasses all we might imagine God would wish for us, and this is possible because God is Three and God is One.

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+