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NEWSLETTER

19TH JUNE 2022 ✦ CORPUS CHRISTI

MASS TIMES

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

Thursday 23rd June – The Nativity of St John the Baptist.

Friday 24th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Masses at 9:30am (No Friday Abstinence)

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: Gen 14:18-20

Responsorial Psalm: 109:1-4 r.4

Response: *You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

4/5 June 2022

Envelopes £ 311.00 Loose £ 480.66 Total £ 791.66

11/12 June 2022

Envelopes £ 230.00 Loose £ 446.46 Total £ 676.46

Standing Orders May 2022

£ 3,476.50

Church Cleaning 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 & 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 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.

Corpus Christi Procession: This year's procession, due to be held at 3pm on Sunday 19th is cancelled.

First Holy Communion Celebration: Due to so many being away for Father's Day, the celebration is cancelled. As we come to an end of the First Holy Communion celebration, the Mass Attendance card stickers will no longer be issued after weekend Masses. However, I hope to see all our First Holy Communion children attending Mass regularly with their parents and professing their faith together. Please do keep our children and their family in your prayers.

Wednesday 22nd June, 9:30am Mass: Will be celebrated with St Ignatius Catholic Primary School - Year 6 Leaver Mass. Delayed public Rosary follows.

Gardening Sessions on Saturday 2nd July. The parish would like to invite any volunteers who might want to help with tidying the outside spaces of the parish, removing weeds, clipping hedges and so on. The team will be between 9am to 12noon in the church car park.

Please bring your gloves, hoes, trowels, spades, rakes, brooms, forks, secateurs, hedge clippers and any other useful gardening tool to work with. The Manning Room will be open for volunteers. Please contact Helen Lasek on 0787941 5578.

Bill and Brenda Darbin: Long term Parishioners of St Ignatius and are known to many in the Parish. Brenda has been unwell for a while, and was admitted to St Peter's last week. The day after, Bill was admitted to St Peter's. Brenda is now in palliative care, and Bill continues to be treated in hospital. We ask for your prayers for Brenda, Bill, and their family.

Confirmation Certificates: will be available for collection from next weekend onwards – 25/26 June before & after Mass in the Manning Room or from the Parish office weekdays. If your child's certificate will be collected by a friend or relative and if there are any amendments, kindly email the parish office directly at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

19th June Father's Day Prayer



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

Today marks the great Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, more usually known by its Latin name "Corpus Christi." Of all the comforts and supports which God has granted to us during our earthly pilgrimage we can have little doubt that the greatest is the Sacrifice of the Mass. In this greatest of the sacraments we are not only made present at the foot of the cross, made fresh witnesses of the sacrifice of God's own Son for us, we are also invited into a union with the divine quite beyond the simply spiritual. By the miracle called, in the Church's technical language, transubstantiation, the substance of bread and wine is entirely transformed into that of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, only the outward appearance of bread and wine remaining.

How do we know that this extraordinary and breath-taking teaching is what Our Lord intended? The Church's unbroken tradition from the apostles themselves and the words of scripture are clear: our Lord took bread and said "this is my body" and, similarly wine, and said "this is my blood." He did not say "this is a symbol of my body" or "we are play-acting that this is my body." He said "is" quite explicitly. Indeed, in another place (John, Chapter 6) Christ is even clearer: He takes great pains to emphasise that He wanted His disciples to eat His flesh and drink His blood. When some do not accept this, and even a good number of His disciples leave Him, He does not cry after them "no! no! I only meant that as a metaphor, I was only speaking symbolically." He is said, but He lets them go. Such was the importance of this teaching to our Lord Himself.

Why is it so important? It is often said that "you are what you eat" and this phrase is particularly appropriate of Holy Communion. Our Lord is very direct with us about what this means: "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you will not have life in you" (John 6:53). This, like so many of the mysteries of our faith is about becoming one with the Godhead. Christ is in God and God is in Christ so if we are in Christ we are in God. We are drawn into Christ at our baptism but it is in Holy Communion that the fullness of intimate communion with Christ is achieved.

A full appreciation for this greatest gift of God is vital for true spiritual growth. This is why we do all those things which help us to recognise the reality of what Holy Communion is. We call the host "the Blessed Sacrament", we honour Him with beautiful churches, sacred vessels of silver and gold, candles, incense, music. All of these things speak to us of the glory and beauty of God, of the things of heaven. As things which can be seen, they help us enter into the reality of things which remain unseen.

During the last year it has often been difficult to honour the Blessed Sacrament as we should. Masks, long queues at communion and the rest, has made devotion harder than in the past. I hope that, as we slowly move out of lockdown and restrictions, we will be able, as a parish, to appreciate ever more deeply this greatest gift of God.

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+