



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

26TH JUNE 2022 ✱ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

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

Wednesday 29th June – SS Peter & Paul

Masses at 9:30am & 7pm

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 1

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16,19-21

Responsorial Psalm: 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Response: *O Lord, it is you who are my portion.*

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

18/19 June 2022

Envelopes £ 272.70

Loose £ 379.62

Total £ 652.32

Standing Orders May 2022 £ 3,476.50

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (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

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: are available for collection from TODAY – 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.

St Ignatius 100club: It's the first draw of the new 100club year this week. It will take place on Sunday 26th June after 9.30am Mass, Manning Room and there will be a slice of cake to enjoy with your cuppa too! Good luck to all our new and existing members, your support is really appreciated. Helen & Marek

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.

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.

EVENTS

Caritas St Joseph's, Connect @Hounslow and Feltham: A safe place for adults with learning disabilities who would like to take part in ART, MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA and COOKERY held at St Lawrence's Parish Centre every Tuesday or Friday. For further details contact Laura Moran 07394 566 360/ Karen Palmer 07394 566 361. Please see the poster or leaflets in the Church porch.

In-Person Refugee Hosting Information Session: Tuesday 28th June, 6 – 8.30pm, Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler St, London E1W 2QT. To attend, and for more information, sign-up via Eventbrite. The second of the Diocesan Community of Support sessions, focusing on the hosting of Refugee guests. This information session is for anyone who is hosting, would like to host, or explore further ways of providing support to those who are seeking sanctuary. The session is facilitated by the JRS, who run the 'At Home' hosting scheme.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Spaces are still available on the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd to 29th July 2022. For the first time since July 2019 the diocese, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, will respond to Our Lady's call to come in procession, to wash in the waters and to receive healing at this special and sacred site. For more information on booking a place, visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes>

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: On Saturday 6th August from 12pm, Bishop Philip Egan will be leading a pilgrimage to Walsingham praying for the cause of life. contact 01858 571 242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

Last Wednesday the Church in England celebrated the feast of two of our greatest martyrs: St John Fisher and St Thomas More. The legacy of these martyrs, as well as all the other martyrs of the so-called Reformation, is one which we are all a part of. It was by their courage, witness and prayers that our own parish exists, that the Mass is still celebrated in every part of England and that the faith of our fathers has endured "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword."

St John Fisher and St Thomas More are, however, particularly special. This is not only because of how early they were but because of how prominent they were and what such extraordinary lives they led before they made their sacrifice.

St John Fisher was the only one among the bishops of England who remained loyal to the faith in face of persecution. After nearly a thousand years of Catholic England, in a land filled with churches, priests, monks, and pious lay people, the shepherds tasked by God with the government of the Church in England abandoned their posts at the first sign of trouble. Perhaps we should not be surprised that it was St John Fisher who stood firm, however. His spiritual writings are still worth reading today, and his fame as a pastor and spiritual counsellor during his lifetime show the measure of the man.

St Thomas More was also a prominent man: Lord Chancellor of England (effectively Prime Minister). In that task he was famously just and impartial. At a time when bribes were common, he was unusual in refusing all offers. Not only that, he was a famous man of letters, maintaining friendships with many of the great intellectuals of the day, from all over Europe. He pioneered women's education by creating a system for educating his daughters, who became famous for their intelligence, wit and charm.

For both of these men the call of conscience rang clear and loud. They remained loyal subjects of the king till death, but knew that no man, whoever he may be, has the right to force a Christian to abandon his faith. They refused the oath declaring the king "Supreme Head of the Church", for Christ is our only Head and He has placed the governance of the Church into the hands of the bishops, with and under the Successor to St Peter alone.

The words of St Thomas himself best describe his heroic stand: "this indictment [against me] is grounded upon an Act of Parliament, directly repugnant to the Laws of God and his Holy Church, the Supreme Government of which, or of any part thereof, no temporal person may by any Law presume to take upon him, being what right belongs to the See of Rome, which by special prerogative was granted by the mouth of our saviour, Christ himself, to St. Peter, and the Bishops of Rome his Successors only, whilst he lived, and was personally present here on Earth: it is therefore, amongst Catholic Christians, insufficient in Law, to charge any Christian to obey it."

The poignant words put into his mouth by the playwright Robert Bolt echo to us as a true cry for Christian freedom against tyranny: "I am the King's true subject. I pray for him and all the realm. I do none harm. I say none harm. I think none harm. And if this be not enough to keep a man alive, then in good faith I long not to live."

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+