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NEWSLETTER

3RD JULY 2022 ✠ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 2

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: 65(66):1-7,16,20

Response: *Cry out with joy to God all the earth.*

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

25/26 June 2022

Envelopes	£ 212.10
Loose	£ 288.96
Total	£ 501.06

Church Cleaning: Cancelled this week.

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

Confirmation Certificates: are available for collection 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.

Gardening Session on Saturday 2nd July. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to clear and tidy the parish garden and outside areas. A great improvement!

Parish Office is closed this week as Lavina is away.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses, next weekend (9th /10th July).

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: 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.

WORKS OF MERCY- The Helpers of God's Precious Infants: The next Rosary Procession Vigil will be held on Saturday 9th July, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. 10am The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 10.30-11.30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. 10.35am Prayerful and peaceful procession, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to BPAS abortion Centre. For full details see poster on church notice board. For further details tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

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:

The matter I want to discuss below can be an extremely emotive one, and often touches our own lives personally, through our friends or through our families. Without wishing to offend, misunderstandings spread in the popular press must be clarified, and it is important to re-state what our faith's actual position is. If you or someone close to you have been directly affected by anything discussed below, never forget that Christ's arms are always outstretched for us, and that His love can overcome anything.

What has happened in America? In 1973, the United States Supreme Court issued a judgment making human abortion, undertaken **for any reason whatsoever, up to the point of birth itself**, a legal right in their country. This resulted in the US

having the most extreme laws in the world, excepting only North Korea and China. On 24th June the US Supreme Court overturned that judgement on the grounds that the US constitution says nothing about human abortion whether in favour or against it.

It will, therefore, be up to popularly elected legislators to decide how the practice should be regulated. For most Americans there will be no change. In some areas democratically elected assemblies have passed laws either regulating the practice, as we do in Britain and most of Europe, or prohibiting it where the pregnancy does not risk the life of the mother.

The following things have been stated in the press and are untrue: 1) that the pro-life movement wishes to criminalise people who suffer the tragedy of miscarriage; 2) that Christians only care about children before they are born. (In fact, Christians are significantly more likely to adopt than our secular friends and neighbours and also give significantly more to charity); 3) that men are forcing this change on women. (In reality, women are more likely to hold pro-life views than men); 4) that there is no democratic mandate for regulating the matter. (In fact, 71% of Americans favour some kind of regulation). This list is not exhaustive, but it is important to be wary of what we hear on the news.

How does this effect Britain? This change does not directly affect anyone here. In England, human abortion is only permitted up to the 24th week of pregnancy and, even then, only for a serious reason. This country's legal system does not recognise a "right to abortion", no matter what some – even those in government – might say. The vast majority of the British people believe human abortion should not be permitted after the 24th week of pregnancy. We should be wary of importing American slogans and angry rhetoric.

What does our faith say about this? Our faith teaches that we should build a society where no women should feel they must be subjected to this procedure, where fathers are always required to do their duty, and where women in trouble are properly cared for by the whole community. Since the time of the Apostles, in every time and in all places our faith has held that all innocent human life is worthy of protection from conception until natural death. This does not mean there are not excellent and compelling arguments for why certain people at certain times would not be in a good position to care for a child, but it does mean that a fundamental human right cannot ever be put aside. Ectopic pregnancies, and other dangerous complications, however, can be treated to save the life of the mother, even if the child does not survive the procedure.

Why does our faith teach this? We believe this both because it has been believed by the Church since her beginning, and because modern science has proven that human life begins at conception. A foetus, however small, is an independent human life. To say that a foetus has no rights would be to define human rights as only applying to certain human beings. Along with many secular people we believe that it is wrong to deny human rights to any group.

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+