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NEWSLETTER

17TH JULY 2022 ✱ 16TH 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 4

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: 14(15):2-5

Response: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

2/3 July 2022

Envelopes £ 325.15 Loose £ 329.87 Total £ 655.02

9/10 July 2022

Envelopes £ 157.00 Loose £ 209.69 Total £ 366.69

Standing Orders June 2022

£ 2880.50

Church Cleaning TEAM 2: J O'Connell, J Sellings, P Goodfellow (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

Sea Sunday: Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised **£73.70**. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

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.

Notice Boards in the Church porch: Please note, that the Notice Boards are updated by the Parish Office every week after receiving an approval from Fr Christian. Hence all posters, religious magazines, leaflets should be submitted to the Parish office by Wednesday(s). It's the same for all adverts for the Parish Newsletter & Website. Any unapproved literature will be removed.

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](http://DONATE/Donate%20to%20our%20Parish).

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](http://ParishWebsite/ParishLife/ParishGroups/FirstHolyCommunion)

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - [Parish Groups](http://ParishGroups).

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

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

The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk. Over the years we have raised over £15,000 for Good Counsel with sponsorship from the Pilgrimage. Donations can be made here, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk22>

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday I would like to make an announcement about a change to the operation of a part of our parish property. This change is one I hope will ensure the long-term financial future of the parish, and also help contribute to the education of some of the most vulnerable children in our society.

As of Monday 1st August the parish will be going into partnership with a small school caring for children with special

needs. The school will be refurbishing the Loyola Centre, which they will be able to use along with the parish. The parish will continue to use the Loyola Centre for catechesis, and full parish events.

Regrettably, we will not be able to continue leasing the hall to the groups who have rented the hall over the past several years, nor will the Loyola Centre be available for private hire. The Manning Room will, however, continue to be available and, hopefully, we will be able to improve it soon.

Since this is quite a big change in how the parish operates one of our largest assets I felt it was important that I explain to parishioners why this decision was made, apart from the important charitable function of helping to care for children with special needs.

While our parish is not one of the poorest in the diocese, many of you will know that our finances have not been as healthy as we would like for some time. Prior to COVID the parish was generally "in the black", but only just. This has sometimes led to the maintenance of our property being reactive rather than proactive. When COVID arrived, not only did the parish lose a large proportion of its weekly income from Sunday offertories, it also lost a great deal of money which was made by hiring the halls. At that time there were also some necessary repair and refurbishment works. This has left the parish with a debt of around £55,000.

This situation means that the parish might have faced a future where positive projects like the restoration of the bell, renewal of other buildings and investment in expanding, rather than merely maintaining, parish life would have to be constantly deferred or simply not done. The new partnership with the special needs school should mean that we can now make these investments, and so help the parish not only survive but flourish.

This is because *the income derived from the Loyola Centre will be increasing by around 583%*. Over the past five years (excluding the considerable loss from COVID), the Loyola Centre has earned the parish around £12,000 per annum after maintenance and administration costs are subtracted. When the school arrives, they will take on all these expenses. In addition, they will fully refurbish the building and its grounds and *pay the parish £70,000 per annum*.

This large increase in parish income, combined with the money saved on administration and maintenance costs will allow the parish to look to the future with a good deal of confidence, not merely maintaining what we have but investing in our central mission as the spiritual home of Sunbury's Catholic community.

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+