



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

31ST JULY 2022 ✠ 18TH 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

23/24 July 2022

Envelopes	£ 272.30
Loose	£ 264.90
Total	<u>£ 537.20</u>

Church Cleaning TEAM 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 Mass in August: There will be no music or altar servers at any parish Mass in August. Sunday Mass times remain unchanged. Fr Michael will say all the Masses between Wednesday 10th till Friday 26th August.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 16th & 23rd August.

Funerals:

Noel Brown: Friday 5th August at 11am at St John Fisher, Shepperton.

Trevor John Morgan: Monday 8th August at 10am in the Church.

Yvonne E. Craig: Tuesday 9th August at 10:50am in the Church.

Moving Chairs: The parish would be very grateful if we could have some volunteers to help move the tables and chairs from the Loyola Centre to the Manning Room at 2pm on Saturday 6th August.

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.

Confirmation Certificates: are available for 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.

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

Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes: St John Fisher, Shepperton are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour, on Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th September. The website for the Tour is now live. Please visit: www.stbernadette.org.uk

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

A consistent theme throughout the scriptures, growing louder and louder as we pass from the whispered prophecies Genesis, through the thundering pronouncements of Isaiah and Elijah, to the glories of the coming of the Son of God, is Divine Providence. Our God shows Himself to be the Lord of History. While His people may suffer, they always do with the sure and certain hope of the promised salvation to come. The centrality of this fact is vital to understanding the genius and bravery of our patron, who we celebrate today, St Ignatius Loyola.

St Ignatius, even among saints, is an extraordinary figure. He straddles the line between the Middle Ages and the Early Modern world in every aspect of his work and personality. The passionate romance of the medieval knight is, in him, united to

the pragmatic organisational skill, emphasis on education and love of dynamism of early modernity.

Like the medieval knights errant, the young Ignatius was thrilled by tales of military dare and do. His mind filled with images of burnished breast plates, heroic victories and delicate poems composed for the fair ladies at court, Ignatius became a soldier. As so often happens to a young soldier, however, Ignatius found that army life is not all like that. He was seriously wounded in battle and left to rest and recuperate in an isolated castle with only the scriptures and a few devotional books to keep him company. Here, in his isolation, the soldier started to become the saint.

St Ignatius, in a strikingly modern way, began to observe his interior life and the working of his own mind. He found that when he daydreamed about earthly glory he would often be left with a feeling of emptiness afterwards. When he read the scriptures and contemplated the life of Christ and the saints, however, he later found himself feeling uplifted and content. Over several weeks he explored this phenomenon and slowly his true conversion began to set in. In this we see the origin of what was later to become the founding text of his spiritual method: The Spiritual Exercises.

The passionate young knight now abandoned his search for earthly glory, and decided to become a soldier of Christ. In this his faith in Divine Providence was invaluable. The situation for the Church across the world was dire. The Protestant "reformation" had swept Europe, leaving the united Christendom of the Middle Ages in tatters. Over 50% of the Catholic world had broken with the Church's faith. It seemed that Catholicism was rapidly becoming a thing from a past age. St Ignatius knew, however, that while Almighty God may allow His Church to be tested, Christ Himself promised that it was indestructible.

With a group of friends, including St Francis Xavier, he approached the altar and swore to work without cease, never counting the cost, not only to restore Christendom, but to expand it by sending missionaries to bring the mercy of God to every people, on every continent.

With a new, radical oath of special obedience to the Holy Father in Rome, St Ignatius' new Society of Jesus was to become the powerhouse of the growing Catholic reform movement. Wherever they went, the sons of St Ignatius swept away the late medieval rot within the Church and boldly challenged the Church's attackers. Through every means the Jesuits answered challenges and taught the truth. In 150 years, the Protestant movement shrank from controlling 60% of Christendom to a mere 20%. Catholic Poland was saved and Catholic Goa came into being.

Our patron stands as a giant of his age, and an inspiration to Catholic reformers and educators in every age. Like him, let us not be afraid of the challenges of our times, but put our faith in Divine Providence. "All for the greater glory of God!"

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**Margaret O'Sullivan, Rose Hook, Yolanda Albutt,
Gerry O'Brien, Noel Brown, Trevor Morgan, Yvonne E. Craig**

*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. Amen+*