



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

4TH SEPTEMBER 2022 ✦ 23RD 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. *Friday abstinence.*

Thursday 8th September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 3

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

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

Response: *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

27/28 August 2022

Envelopes £ 215.43

Loose £ 269.98

Total £ 485.41

Standing Orders July 2022 £ 3,297.28

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos (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

100 club: It's the September 100 club draw this Sunday in the Manning Room after the 9.30am mass. Good Luck to all our members!



St Bernadette Relics Tour

1. At Westminster Cathedral: as part of the first tour of the Relics of St Bernadette to England, Scotland and Wales. Veneration of the Relics from Saturday 3rd September, 1.00pm – Monday 5th September, 6.00am. (No booking required. Please join the queue in the piazza for entry via the West

Doors. Please see the poster in the Church porch.

2. At St John Fisher, Shepperton: Relics arrive at Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th September.

Please visit: www.stbernadette.org.uk for more information.

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

Secondary School Transfers: Parents will be able to book meetings with Fr Christian on the Parish website as soon as possible. The closing date for on-time applications to secondary schools is 31 October 2022. For more information visit: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-andlearning/schools/admissions/secondary>

- 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

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal: Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at cafod.org.uk/give

VACANCIES: St Paul's Catholic College looking for Non-Resident Caretaker (full-time), Premises Team Leader and Teaching Assistant. Application packs or further information regarding the roles are available at <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities>

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

In the first reading for this Sunday's Mass we read the words "the reasonings of mortals are unsure, and our intentions unstable." This words are a reminder of the limits of our reason, and, conversely, calls us to a trust in the words of God, knowing them to the utterly sure.

This should not imply to us, however, that reason is not of value. In our Catholic tradition of philosophy and theology reason has always been valued not as something opposed to, or even totally separate from, our faith. Rather, our reason can work hand in hand with our faith and has a great value in itself.

Almighty God has endowed us all with reason and the ability to make observations about the world around us. By using these gifts we are able to come to many important, valuable truths. We have made great progress in industry, medicine and communication technology, but our reason can also bring us to moral and philosophical truth. For example, we can see from the world around us that all things are caused, which might imply that there is an original, first cause or Creator. Another example might be that we can see that goodness generally makes for more happiness than wickedness and, therefore, a wise man will also try to be a good man.

Sadly, of course, as the words from the reading say, our reason is often, however, clouded. People argue all the time about truth. This does not imply that there is somehow a number of different, opposing truths. There is no "my truth" and "your truth" about objective facts. It does, however, show us that our reason and our observations of the world are often imperfect. Even seemingly very certain truths can turn out to be wrong.

This is one of the reasons why Almighty God has given us the great joy of revelation. He has revealed "things hidden since the foundation of the world." Things about Himself, things about our human nature, and things about right and wrong. Unlike us, God is both all knowing and all powerful. This means that what He says is more certain than anything else could possibly be. We can be surer of it than any reasoning or observation of our own. We can misunderstand, we can have our reason clouded by prejudice and sloppy thinking, we can make errors in our observations. God is incapable of any such mistakes.

This is why our faith is, as it were above reason. It is not that reason itself is flawed, it is our ability to use it which is flawed. After a lifetime of trying to find the truth the great pagan philosopher Socrates famously said that "I know only one thing: that I know nothing." Without the solid basis of our faith, we stand on uncertain reasoning and flawed observation. With the wonder of revelation, however, we have the unparalleled joy of being welcomed into the Truth which abides in the heart of the Living and True God.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
**Rose Hook, Yolanda Albutt, Gerry O'Brien, Noel Brown,
Trevor Morgan, Yvonne E. Craig, Brenda Mary Darbin.**

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