



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 ✱ 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

April 1926 – September 2022

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory*



#### MASS TIMES

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday: 10am, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Bank Holiday**  
**Parish office is closed.**

**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:** Amos 8:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** 112(113):1-2,4-8

**Response:** *I will leave this place and go to my father.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**10/11 September 2022**

Envelopes £ 364.19

Loose £ 358.97

**Total £ 723.16**

**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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) & for Parish Centre(s) bookings, please email at [sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk) or contact Lavina, Parish Administrator at the Parish office.

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays.

#### PARISH NOTICES

**Secondary School Transfers:** Parents are able to book meetings with Fr Christian on the Parish website from this weekend 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sunburyonthames/events/> or click the tab available on the homepage. 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>

**First Holy Communion 2023:** Online application is now open via the Parish Website. The deadline is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The course is aimed at children in Years 3 or 4. Sessions will start at the beginning of November. There will be a parents' meeting in October.



**Prayers for The Repose of The Soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II** are available in the Church porch and Parish website.

#### 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](mailto: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.

**100 Club:** It was the 100 Club draw last Sunday and Congratulations to our lucky winners.

### 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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk).

### EVENTS

**National Mass for Altar Servers:** The Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites all servers to the National Mass for Altar Servers on Saturday 1st October at 2.30pm. Bishop John Sherrington will be the principal celebrant. Servers to vest in the Cathedral Hall, Ambosden Avenue and be ready to process by 2pm. See the poster in the Church porch.

**Procession of Our Lady of Willesden:** On Sunday 9th October at 7pm, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden through the streets of Willesden, praying for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. Canon John O'Leary will preach. All are welcome, see the poster in the Church porch.

**Unveiling and Blessing of New Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis:** Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be unveiling a new shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane on Wednesday 12th October at 6:30pm. There will be a Sung Mass celebrated by Bishop Nicholas, followed by the blessing and a reception. All are most welcome.

### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES:

The words of our Lord in today's gospel form part of a well known theme throughout the New Testament: the dangers of attachment to earthly goods. Our Lord famously said in another

place that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

What are we to make of these statements? Are we to see all earthly goods as bad in themselves? Not exactly. There is nothing wrong with money in itself, or even with having a lot of money. Abraham was, after all, a rich man, as were several other ancient patriarchs. But what is certainly the case is that jealously guarding our money or becoming obsessed with acquiring more money, is very often a serious sin.

The three primary sins here are selfishness, greed and idolatry. Selfishness and greed are fairly obvious: The selfish and greedy person hoards wealth while others suffer grave want or becomes obsessed with gaining more and more unnecessary riches. Idolatry seems less obvious but is the worst of all. Whole societies have very often been consumed by such idolatry. We need only think of materialist political ideologies, and the horrors of the Atlantic slave trade. Placing money and material gain at the centre of our lives, as the summit of our ambition, is to unthroned the one who alone should occupy that place: Almighty God Himself. God is Goodness itself, Truth itself, Love itself. Of course He alone should be the summit, yet He so often is not. Where God has been unthroned the dignity of human beings, who He has made in His own image and likeness is usually under grave threat.

Poverty, on the other hand, has no merits in itself. That said, it is an easily observable fact that those with less earthly goods to cling to less often suffer from the temptations which the rich have to pride, selfishness and greed. If one has little, one has little to cling to!

Are we to all give away what money we have then? Is there no other way to be saved? Some certainly should. Some are called to live out the gospel as perfectly as Christ Himself. They are the ones God has chosen to become his monks and nuns. Their embrace of poverty for the sake of the gospel is a witness to us all. For most of us, however, that is not an option. Many people have families who must be provided for, businesses to run and so on. What we can do, however, is to resist within ourselves the sins which our Lord and St James condemn so severely. How do we do this? Through generosity and keeping ourselves fixed on God. If we find ourselves becoming greedy, the best way to fight that is by training ourselves to be generous.

Above all we must not forget that Christ has come to bring us grace. He will give us all the grace we need to be holy and to draw close to God. The apostles asked our Lord how anyone could be saved after He said it was hard for the rich and He answered with these comforting words "with man it is impossible, but with God nothing is impossible." We are reliant on Him, and if we know anything, it is that we can always trust Him.

### 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+*