



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022 ✦ 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES

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

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

**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:** Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 94(95):1-2, 6-9

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

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

**Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

#### 24/25 September 2022

Envelopes £ 322.42

Loose £ 405.34

**Total** £ 727.76

**Standing Orders August 2022** £ 3,080.53

**Church Cleaning TEAM 1:** A & C Roberts (Thursday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays. 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.

### PARISH NOTICES

**Secondary School Transfers:** Parents are able to book meetings with Fr Christian on the Parish website. 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.



**Repository:** After taking a summer break, the Repository will reopen on the weekend of 8th/9th October. It will offer a new and wider selection of items that are intended to enhance and facilitate our attendance at Mass, our Catholic spirituality and Christian lifestyle. The Repository will be open before and after all the weekend Masses – please stop by and enjoy what is on offer.

**St Ignatius School Open Mornings:** Wednesday 2, 9, 16 & 23 November 9-10am. The application process for admission to school in Reception 2023 opens on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Application paperwork and how to apply will be available at the open mornings. It can also be found on our website <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/admissions/> Booking is required either via telephone 01932 785396 or email: [a.mason@stignatius.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.mason@stignatius.surrey.sch.uk)

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

## EVENTS

**Prisoners' Sunday - 09 October 2022:** It is a National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: I was in prison and you came to see me. Pact's work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every

human being. If you wish to donate, please use the envelopes available in the church porch. Please do not send cash via post, cheque payable to "Pact" or visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/donate-now>

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 7 October – World Food Crisis Appeal:**

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for your parish collection or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

**Support staff vacancies:** [Site Assistant](#) (St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - Twickenham) & [Operations Manager](#) (St Ignatius Catholic Primary - Sunbury). Visit <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies> <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/>

## FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

On a brief reading the gospel for this Sunday might seem to be firmly telling us to know our place. We are the mere servant's of God and should know our place. This basic reading is not without some value. After all, it is important to occasionally remember that we are all created with a particular nature and within a world ordered in accordance with God's will. When we simply do as we are commanded, by living a good life, we are simply doing not only what we were made to do but also doing that which will make us truly happy here on earth.

That said, this passage should not be wrenched from its context, the context of our Lord's overall message, and seen in isolation. We are indeed made to serve God by loving Him as we ought and, for His sake, loving our neighbours as ourselves. But our reward, what God has called us to, is very much more than that of a mere servant, it is more than mere earthly happiness (however wonderful that may be).

Our Lord is clear, those who accept Him, accept His love and His mercy, are called to be more than they could ever have expected, to a place higher than that of servants, a place which should not shrink from calling the place of children of God. Our Lord tells us that we are His brothers and sisters, and so we truly are. If we are His brothers and sisters then are we not then also the brothers and sisters of the Son of God? If the Son is our brother, then surely we are indeed children of God too, by adoption.

What does this mean? A child, unlike even a much loved servant, is one who's place in the home is guaranteed, and who can fully expect to enjoy, in due time, the rich inheritance of their father. What inheritance is this? Nothing less than the Kingdom of Heaven. Quite beyond and above the fulfilment of any earthly desire we could imagine, by the Kingdom of Heaven we mean that perfect union with the divine nature itself. Drawn up into the circle of love which was within God from all eternity.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**Noel Brown, Trevor Morgan, Yvonne E. Craig,  
Brenda Mary Darbin, Catherine (Rena) Jordan.**

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