



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

9TH OCTOBER 2022 ✦ 28TH 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: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: 97(98):1-4

Response: *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

1 / 2 October 2022

Envelopes £ 240.95

Loose £ 294.02

Total £ 534.97

Standing Orders August 2022 £ 3,080.53

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

Secondary School Transfers: If you have missed the online appointments, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk 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>

Repository: The Repository will reopen this weekend 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.

Friday Family Rosary and Fish & Chips – 14th October: Come and pray the Rosary at 5.15pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Adult portion £9, kids portion £5.50. RSVP to place your food order by Wednesday 12th October to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. You don't have to have children to come – you just have to like them!

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 31st October 2022 and closes on 15th 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

First Holy Communion 2023: Online application is now open via the Parish Website. The deadline is Monday 17th 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.



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 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.

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

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 our parish collection, cheque payable to "CAFOD" or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

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. If you wish to donate, please use the envelopes available in the Church porch. Cheque payable to "Pact" or visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/donate-now>

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today's readings have something of a preoccupation with the disease of leprosy. Indeed, throughout the scriptures this disease comes up again and again. Why is this?

Leprosy is, of course, a deeply unpleasant illness in both its effects upon the body and the fact that it can be contagious. Because of this, the ancient Hebrew people saw the disease as an excellent allegory for sin. Leprosy and sin are both ugly, deadly and contagious.

When we see this connection, suddenly the allegorical meaning of the miracles described in the scriptures become clear: just as God can miraculously cure leprosy, so he can make cure us of our spiritual leprosy, the spiritual diseases which have infected us, which have hurt us, which make us a danger to others and which will slowly grow within us to disfigure the image of God we bear and render us hideous masses of corruption. Instead, just as Namaan's skin is made like that of a little child, so God can make our souls clear and innocent again, make our soul like that of a little child.

More than this, however. The two stories about leprosy we heard today are not merely allegories, they are also prophetic allegories. First, there is Namaan. Namaan is asked to dip himself in the Jordan, the Greek word for dip here is baptizo. Namaan is literally asked to 'baptise' himself in the Jordan. The river cleanses him of leprosy, the same river in which Our Lord will be baptised in centuries later. The difference being, however, that it was not Christ who was cleansed by the waters but Christ who cleansed them, making them into the tool by which souls themselves would be made pure again, beautiful images of God as they should be, ready for live with God in heaven.

In the second story Christ says to the lepers that they are to go show themselves to the priests, who will declare them clean. The priests of the Old Testament could merely inspect flesh to see if it was still leprous, but this foreshadows the new way of the Church, where Christ will empower his priests to both declare people spiritually clean, but actually make them so, both in baptism and when we confess our sins and are absolved in the Sacrament of Confession.

Finally, it is worth noting that both Namaan, and the Samaritan are not only outcasts because they are lepers, but also because they are foreigners. As Christ Himself says only a few chapters earlier in St Luke's Gospel: "there were many lepers in Israel at the time of Elijah but only Namaan [the foreigner] was cured." Again, in the Gospel the one who gets the best miracle of all from Christ, the forgiveness of his sins, is the foreigner, the Samaritan. This foreshadows the opening up of salvation not only to those who are merely physically descended from Abraham but to all nations when Christ sends out incorporate all peoples into a new, unified humanity, the Church.

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+*