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NEWSLETTER

30TH OCTOBER 2022 ✱ 31ST 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.*

November the Month of the Holy Souls

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 11:22-12:2

Responsorial Psalm: 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

Response: *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

22/23 October 2022

Envelopes £ 305.50

Loose £ 187.42

Total £ 492.92

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

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

All Saints Day: Tuesday 1st November, Mass 9:30am & 7:30pm.

All Souls Day: Tuesday 2nd November, there will be three Requiem Masses for the Holy Souls at 9:30am, 12noon & 7:30pm.

First Holy Communion 2022: Parents, please make sure you collect the workbook from the Manning Room this weekend

29/30 October after all Masses or from the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am to 4pm before the start of the first session. The book costs £15, please bring the exact change. Stamping Mass Attendance cards will begin next weekend at all Masses 5/6 November 2022.

✱ November the month of the Holy Souls ✱

November, the month of the Holy Souls is fast approaching. We will all be thinking about who we would like to include in our prayers this year. Please take a blue envelope from the back of church, write your list of deceased friends, relatives and benefactors along with your donation and return it either to Fr Christian or put it through the Rectory's letterbox.

All Masses in November will be said for the souls of those on our November dead list.

Blessing of the graves at Sunbury Cemetery on Saturday 5th November at 2pm.

The Sick & Retired Priests' collection next weekend- 5/6 November: The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Cheque payable to "WRCDT – SRP"

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.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month – the next date is 4th November – Come and pray the Rosary at 5.15pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. RSVP to place your food order by 2nd November to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. Adult portion £9, kids portion £5.50. You don't have to have children to come – you just have to like them!

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

First Holy Communion 2023: The first session starts on Sunday 6th November, 10:30am-11:30am in the Loyola Centre.

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.

EVENTS

HCPT: HCPT takes children with disabilities and special needs on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes every year at Easter, for a week

of fun, laughter, friendship, joy and prayer in this special place. Our local group hasn't been able to make this pilgrimage since 2018 (partly due to Covid) but we are planning on returning to Lourdes for the Easter 2023 pilgrimage. We are currently looking for some young people to join us and some helpers to help care for and support these young people while in Lourdes. Do you know anyone who you think might benefit from a holiday in Lourdes with us? Would you, or anyone you know, like to find out more about being a HCPT helper and giving a child a holiday to remember? Please contact Mary Soane on 07737899487 or email group51@hcpt.org.uk

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

“The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.” The readings for today are very much in keeping with the themes running throughout the days leading up to the end of the Church's year with the Feast of Christ the King at the end of November. There will be increasingly insistent warnings to “repent”, for we do not know the day, nor the hour in which the Son of Man will return on the clouds in glory. Indeed, even as individuals we cannot know the day nor the hour when we will have to give an account of ourselves to our maker as part of the particular judgement which we will all undergo straight after we die.

For many of us will find that a frightening prospect. If we truly examine ourselves and what we have done we can find a great deal which is wrong. We have all fallen short of the beautiful perfection which God made us to live in. This worry, at the beginning of our conversion to a life in Christ, is not necessarily a bad thing. It can spur us on to be sorry for our sins and make a firm purpose of amendment. More perfect, however, is the way in which Zacchaeus comes to repentance.

In this story Zacchaeus shows us excellently three stages of a true conversion of life. Firstly, he hears about God, about Our Lord and His message of new life in God.

Then, secondly, he desires to see God. We should always try to keep this in the forefront of our minds. Desire to see God. God has made us for perfect happiness, “what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, those things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” This is why the Church calls repentance based on pure love of God and a desire to see Him “perfect contrition”, as opposed to the imperfect contrition of those who simply repent because they see the ill effects of their sins. Our Lord sees this in Zacchaeus and so says that he wants to dine with him. This is what God does for all of us with the sacraments. He sees our desire to see Him face to face and so says “yes, I would like to see you too. I want you to welcome me into your life, into yourself.” Most especially we eat with God at the Mass. We dine with Him and when we receive the blessed sacrament, we welcome Him into our inmost being.

The third stage is “sanctification.” That is, allowing God to transform us into good and holy people. Zacchaeus wants to pay back all those he has wronged and also give some of his huge wealth to the poor. He has become a truly good and kindly man.

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+*