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NEWSLETTER

6TH NOVEMBER 2022 ✱ 32ND 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 4

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Responsorial Psalm: 16(17):1,5-6,8,15

Response: *I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.*

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

29/30 October 2022

Envelopes £ 536.00

Loose £ 248.97

Total £ 784.97

Church Cleaning TEAM 6: J Rodrigues, C Lobo & A Vadakathara (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

First Holy Communion 2022: Parents, please make sure you collect the workbook. The book costs £15, please bring the exact change. Stamping Mass Attendance cards will begin this weekend at all Masses 5/6 November 2022.

100 Club Draw: It's the November 100 club draw today; the draw takes place after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 6th November in the Manning Room.

✱ 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 5/6 November: Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

Traidcraft: Thank you to everyone who supported the Traidcraft coffee morning despite the wet and wild weather!

We will be running the stall again on the following dates; Sunday 13th November (between 9.30 and 11.30 Masses), Sunday 20th November (between 9.30 and 11.30 Masses), Sunday 4th December, our popular Christmas Hampers draw!!) So, come along and buy your Christmas cards and choose from a selection of Traidcraft products. We have a few new lines including pasta and mixed fruit for your Christmas cake or pud!

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 - 2nd December– 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 30th 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.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

At Christmas and Easter and throughout the seasons which the Church gives us before and after these great feasts we meditate in a particular way on the mysteries of what God has achieved for us in Christ. At Christmas, that God lowered Himself out of love for us, and raised up our own human nature to something divine in His incarnation, His becoming man. At Easter, that God lowered Himself further by taking all the sufferings of the world upon himself on the cross and conquered them in His glorious resurrection. In November, however, we concentrate particularly on the fruits of Christ's sacrifice for us: the eternal life to come.

United with Christ those who Christ has saved can ever be truly separated from us here on earth. Although they have passed through the great veil of death which seems to divide us, they are one with Christ, just as we are one with Christ in their baptism. Just as they were our brothers and sisters here on earth, they are still our brothers and sisters after death. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (St Paul).

But where are they? For those who have thrown themselves on the loving mercy of God, as we must do every day, we know that the judgement will save them and bring them to the place God made for us from the beginning: heaven. When the end of time comes, we shall all be raised again and experience what is called "The General Judgement", this cannot change the destiny set at the moment of our death. Instead, it serves as the consummation of all that has gone before, it is the great moment of offering where we, the redeemed humanity, in Christ, offer all things to the Father.

Those in heaven fought the good fight against sin while on earth and still care deeply about their brothers and sisters still fighting on earth: these we call the saints. On 1st November we celebrated All Saints, celebrating especially the countless saints who no one has ever heard of. They may not be well known but they will help us just as surely as the famous saints!

What of those of us who are not so excellent but are still open to the love and forgiveness of God? These are the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are the souls of all who have died and are saved, but who need time to prepare to see God. We cannot, of course, just go in and see God in an unfit state. As the Holy Souls await their bliss, we who remain on earth can, and should, remember to pray for them. We know that they too can, and will pray for us, for the bonds which have bound us upon earth are not broken by death.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**Trevor Morgan, Yvonne E. Craig, Brenda Darbin,
Catherine (Rena) Jordan, Peter McGloin.**

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