



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

13TH NOVEMBER 2022 ✠ 33RD 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 1

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm: 97(98):5-9

Response: *The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.*

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

5/6 Nov 2022

Envelopes £ 227.80

Loose £ 571.82

Total £ 799.62

Standing Orders October 2022 £ 3,038.70

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 & 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: Classes will resume next Sunday. If a child has not picked up their Mass Attendance card it is very important they do so as soon as possible.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception School Parents will be invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish website - **Events** from Wednesday 30th November. The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 January 2023.

✠ November the month of the Holy Souls ✠



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Today we pray for the souls of all those from Great Britain, Ireland & the Commonwealth who gave their lives during the great wars of the 20th century. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. 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.

The Sick & Retired Priests' collection: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. We have raised **£325**. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you would like to donate, envelopes are at the back of the church or you can donate online or with 'QR Code'. It is a wonderful way for us to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us.

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 & 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.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses next weekend - 19th/20th November.

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

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

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are holding the following events to support Westminster Cathedral. Both events are to be held at 7pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1QJ. 22 November: Katharine Parr: The Sixth Wife. Talk by Alison Weir 7pm £10. 23 November: Cathedral Quiz with fish and chip supper. 7pm £18. Tickets from friends@rcdow.org.uk

Vinnie Packs: The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In today's gospel our Lord returns to one of his most constant themes: do not be afraid. Moreover, we are called not to be afraid even in the face of things of which we have every reason to be afraid.

Our Lord's prophesy about the end of the Second Temple very much came to pass. A mere thirty-six years after our Lord was assumed into heaven the great Jewish rebellion against Roman rule was crushed. The destruction and slaughter was so great that one contemporary estimated as many as a million people died. The entirety of ancient Jerusalem, including the Temple was raised to the ground. Jews were banned from the area and the city renamed and filled with pagan idols. Such did the Holy City remain till the conversion of Rome to Christianity. It is difficult to imagine the sorrow and horror which the ancient Jews felt at this catastrophe. It is as if St Peters and all Rome were levelled to the ground and the Holy Father taken away into slavery, but even worse. The temple was the one dwelling place of God on earth. Unlike us, the ancient Jews had no other tabernacles to fall back on.

Yet to this our Lord tells us to be unafraid. He goes on to refer to the persecutions, calumnies and privations which His followers were to experience from His own day right down to our own. Again, we are not to be afraid.

Why? Because it is not in earthly glory or in the pleasures of this world that Christian hope is found but in the restoration in us of that eternal life for which we were all made. God has become man, God has died as man, God has conquered death as man. While the trials of this world may often seem to overwhelm His Holy Church the final victory has already been achieved.

As a final note, however, it is worth observing that when our Lord tells us not to be afraid, I do not think he means that we should not have the physical emotion of fear. After all, our Lord Himself sweated blood as He prayed to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane for fear of the pains of His Passion. Rather, our Lord is calling us to endure the worries of this life, offering them up with His own perfect sacrifice on the cross, with our hopes fixed on the future life.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Yvonne E. Craig, Brenda Darbin, Catherine (Rena) Jordan.

FUNERAL

Peter McGloin – Friday 25th November, 10:45am

Mary Taylor – Friday 2nd December, 10:45am

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