



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

20TH NOVEMBER 2022 ✦ CHRIST THE KING

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 2

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 121(122):1-5

Response: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

12/13 Nov 2022

Envelopes £ 316.42

Loose £ 354.81

Total £ 671.23

Standing Orders October 2022 £ 3,038.70

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

First Holy Communion 2023: Stamping Mass Attendance cards has begun. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards and in case the Attendance card is lost.

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 under News and Events tab

(online) 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 ✦

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 **£355**. 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 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!

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses this weekend.

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

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.

First Holy Communion 2023: Please see the session dates on the Parish Website.

Becoming Catholic 2022-23: 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

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

Today is the great Solemnity of Christ the King. Throughout the scriptures Our Lord is referred to as "the king of kings" and royal imagery abounds. But what do we really mean in a concrete way when we say Christ is king? Christ tells us in one place that his is not a kingdom of this world. So, perhaps we should take from this that the kingdom is something only for the future? Perhaps God will do it in his own time? No. Christ also says "I am a king... and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

When the bible or the church speaks of "the world" it can mean more than one thing. On one level there is the world which we all live in, created by God to be good, and which is good and which Christ said he "came not to condemn, but to save." But "the world" can also be a general term for what one might loosely call "the system" - all those things which are products of the fall: greed, envy, faithlessness, institutional injustice and so on. Christ's kingdom is certainly not of that world. But it is still very real, and Christ the King demands the obedience of all peoples, and all governments to the law of love.

What does this concretely mean for us? How should we respond to this? We must not leave our faith at home when we are in the public forum or make decisions about right and wrong in the world. There is a certain natural law, built on Christ's law of love, which is binding on the consciences of all people which we are called to share. In short we should always act in our public as well as in our private lives, according to what our conscience thinks is best: our conscience must be informed by our Catholic faith, the teachings of Christ. What it really centres around is love. If we truly love one another we will try to remember every single person, people who are loved by Christ and by us, as people dedicated to building up Christ's kingdom.

Yes, we must think of our families and those we have to look after first. But we also need to always act for the good of all but with special concern to the most vulnerable in our society. This is what the Church calls, "the preferential option for the poor." Always acting with a special concern for the most vulnerable members of our society. Those who cannot afford the basic necessities of life, the disabled and the unborn. This is of putting Christ's law of love into practice and so building his kingdom.

This law of Love is one of the reasons why Catholicism has always opposed governments which support one group against the good of another group – for example, racist governments which support one racial group at the expense of another, or governments entirely in the pockets of the rich, or communist governments.

At the moment I am sure we can think of many places where this law of love is not obeyed. The oppression of the people of China, the treatment of so many civilians in the war in Ukraine. These are prime examples of resistance to Christ's law of love for all people, of resistance to his kingdom.

So, let us re-commit ourselves today to acting in our private and public lives in accordance with Christ's law of love and so build up his kingdom.

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+