



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

27TH NOVEMBER 2022 ✦ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: **NO MASS**, 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

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.82

Preface: Advent 1, pg.65

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

19/20 Nov 2022

Envelopes £ 189.50

Loose £ 347.31

Total £ 536.81

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos (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

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 are invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish website under News and Events tab (online). The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 January 2023.

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 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 3rd /4th December and 17th /18th December.

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, 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.

St Ignatius Catholic Primary vacancies: We are currently advertising for Teacher (Year 6), Teaching Assistant & Operations Manager (School Business Manager). <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/>

The Universe Catholic Weekly: Is true to its mission of being "a light to guide the world, and a mirror to reflect it" Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE introductory offer, call Michelle on 07436617650/michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities. Please see link below <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk>

Can you help in some market research? This year is the 10th anniversary of Caritas Westminster, the social action arm of the Diocese. We are inviting anyone who would be interested to be part of a focus group happening in the coming fortnight to get in touch. There are three Zoom focus groups to choose from: Thursday 1, Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December from 6.30-7.45pm. Your opinion would be very helpful. If you would like to take part, please email Julie Christie-Webb, Caritas Fundraising Manager, to register, at juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023: It takes place roughly every three years and brings together millions of young Catholics from all over the world with the Holy Father, to be inspired in their faith and experience a deeper sense of the great communion that is the Church. The two-week pilgrimage will include "days in the diocese" in Porto before travelling to Fatima and Lisbon. We are only offering 50 spaces so we really encourage early sign up and preferably by 16 December 2022 when we will close applications. Find more information and booking forms here: <https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/> or Just get in touch with Phoebe Prendergast at phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today is the first day of the Advent season, our time of expectant spiritual preparation for the great feast of our Lord's Incarnation at Christmas.

During this time we will reflect in a particular way upon the prophecies of Isaiah. The Book of the Prophet Isaiah has for so many centuries been known as the fifth gospel.

St Jerome, the great early monk and scholar of the profoundest mysteries of scripture described the great prophet as "the first gospel writer" because when one reads the words of Isaiah it seems "that it is being spoken not only by a prophet, but by a gospel writer. For thus all the mysteries of Christ and the Church are pursued to clarity, so that you would not think them to be prophesied of the future, but that they covered the history of things past."

That our blessed Lord Himself consciously acted out, during his early ministry, the signs foretold by Isaiah is made abundantly clear by the beginning of his public ministry. In his Gospel St Luke describes our Lord's first public act as reading from the prophecies of Isaiah before bluntly saying "today this scripture is being fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).

But why did God only reveal Himself in prophecies? One thing we are all aware of is our own human weakness. That we have many imperfections, and while God has given us true intelligence and a capacity to understand the profoundest mysteries of the universe, we also know that the mysteries of God Himself and of the dark, obscure reality of evil in our world are things we cannot understand without the help of God. This all being so, God needed to prepare the ground, as it were, for his coming. He needed to form a people who His son could live among and who were prepared to understand, even if only faintly, the actions he was to undertake.

Thus, the story of salvation is slowly unfolded over the course of the Old Testament. Each action of God, each episode in the formation of the ancient people of Israel and each prophecy they were given would reveal a little more, drawing them on towards that moment when the final, total revelation would happen in Christ. That total revelation is in Christ because Christ is the Word of God. He is, in Himself, the totality of what God is for us.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

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

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

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