



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

4TH DECEMBER 2022 ✦ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass on Thursday 8th December at 9:30am.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Thursday 9-10am. 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.85

Preface: Advent 1, pg.65

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

26/27 Nov 2022

Envelopes £ 305.01

Loose £ 358.00

Total £ 663.01

Church Cleaning TEAM 4: M Pinto & N Pinto. (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

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.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses TODAY and on 17th /18th December.

CHRISTMAS 2022

- Parish Christmas Cards are available in the Church porch.
- Christmas Flower collection is next weekend, 10/11 Dec.
- Ministers Christmas Rota will be available for signing in the Church porch from Wednesday 7th Dec.
- My Day by Day & Walk with Me: Advent 2022 Daily Reading booklets are available in the Church Porch for £1. Please place your donations in the basket provided.

Traidcraft: Thank you to everyone who supported the Traidcraft coffee morning. We will be running the stall 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.

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.

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.

First Holy Communion 2023: Mass Attendance cards

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stickers are issued before Mass and will not be issued for a missed Sunday.

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

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/>

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 Phoebe Prendergast at phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk

PACT Christmas Carol Service: 6th December, 7pm at Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street), 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Led by Bishop Richard Moth. Music from Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Sixth Form Choir, directed by Scott Price. Followed by a reception. Mass celebrated beforehand at 6pm. Book your place here

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

St John the Baptist is a centrally important figure in this season as he is the last and greatest of the prophets of Israel, who would foretell the coming of the messiah. As Pope Benedict has said "all four Gospels place the figure of St John the Baptist at the beginning of Our Lord's ministry and they reveal him as the one who prepared the way for Christ. St Luke presents the connection between the two figures and their respective missions at an earlier stage.... Even in conception and birth, Christ and John are linked together"

St John has all the fire of the ancient prophets. From the very womb he announces the coming of Christ as he leaps at the Advent of Christ. Notice how this parallels the action of the prophet and king, David, who danced for joy at the arrival of the tabernacle of the Lord.

He condemns wickedness without fear or favour, he practices self-denial to a super-human level. Most importantly, he is "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" from Isaiah. "Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

Most importantly he prophesies, like the earlier prophets about the coming Messiah. He said Christ would be one from among them "whom you do not recognize." St John professes Christ's divinity as he tells us that Christ is "mightier than I" and that he "ranks ahead of me because he existed before me", indeed he is "not worthy to stoop, to loosen or carry [our Lord's] sandals. God Himself seals this with His own words at our Lord's baptism: "a voice from heaven came at Jesus' baptism saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" St John also foretells baptism in Christ "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is ... will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire." And again: "I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Most importantly, St John recognises the sacrifice to come on the cross: he greets our Lord "Behold the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world."

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
**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+*