



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

18TH DECEMBER 2022 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

Saturday 24th December *Christmas Eve*
Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm.
Christmas Midnight Mass at 11:30pm

Sunday 25th December *Christmas Day*
9:30am & 11:30am Masses
Church closes after Mass
NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions

Friday 30th December *The Holy Family*
Church opens at 9:30am
10:30am Mass

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday 10:30am – 11:15am followed by Benediction.

NO 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.90
Preface: Advent II, pg.66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

10/11 December 2022

Envelopes	£ 157.15
Loose	£ 245.20
Total	£ 402.35

Standing Orders November **£ 2,951.00**

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

CHRISTMAS 2022

- Christmas Flower collection –Thank you for your generosity, we have raised **£238.14**
- Parish Christmas Cards are available in the Church porch.
- Ministers Christmas Rota is available for signing in the Church porch. If you are unable to serve *as per the parish rota*, please arrange for replacements.

Confirmation 2023: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 are invited to join the Confirmation course by signing up on the Parish Website from TODAY. Meetings will start in late January.

St Ignatius 100 Club: A big thank you to the organisers of the 100 club who have donated **£ 1,245.**

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses on TODAY.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception School: If you have missed the online appointments in November. Please email the Parish Office for an appointment at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk. Please do not panic. The closing date is 15 January 2022.

Traidcraft: Thank you once again for supporting our Traidcraft stall. The CAFOD Christmas cards were popular again! As usual, the hampers were very popular too. The winners were; Janet Kent, Chris Stacey, Ann Roberts and Mark Legg. Well done! We will make a donation of £100 from the parish to CAFOD.

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](#)

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month – the next date is 6th January 2023 – Come and pray the Rosary at 5.15PM in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Adult portion £9, kids portion £5.50.

RSVP to place your food order by Wednesday 4th January to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. You don't have to have children to come – you just have to like them!

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.

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.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Finally we are approaching Christmas! The period of preparation is coming to an end and we now within those last seven days which lead up to Our Lord's Nativity which are characterised by a move away from a more vague longing towards an active anticipation of the entering of God into His creation, God becoming man for man's salvation. God becoming man so that man might become god.

In that spirit here are presented seven beautiful prayers for us to meditate on over the coming week. To most they are best known through the hymn "O come, o come Immanuel." That hymn's seven verses are loosely based on the seven prayers. These are what are called "The O Antiphons."

Antiphons are little short prayers which top and tail each psalm recited as part of the church's cycle of prayer called the Liturgy of the Hours, or "the Office." They are a series of services made up of sets of psalms, readings and other prayers which all monks, nuns, sisters and priests recite to sanctify the day and to pray for themselves and the whole Church, throughout the day, every day.

The "O Antiphons" are amongst the most ancient prayers of the Church, being at least 1500 years old. They are for the beginning and end of the high point of vespers (evening prayer), which is the recitation of Our Lady's song of praise, the Magnificat. They are called "O" antiphons because they all start with the exclamation "O."

Each begins with a title for the Messiah and refers to the prophecies of Isaiah and carries mystical Old Testament references, while also carrying an element of the New Covenant. These two characteristics are put next to each other and a third dimension emerges which serves as a point of meditation when considering the Incarnation.

*O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

*O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush,
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.*

*O Root of Jesse,
standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.*

*O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

*O Morning Star,
splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death.*

*O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.*

*O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**Peter McGloin, Mary Taylor,
Anthony (Tony) Johnson, Sheila Roughan,**

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