



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

12TH FEBRUARY 2023 ✦ 6TH 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

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.136

Preface V: Ordinary Time, pg.69

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

4/5 February 2023

Envelopes	£ 305.40
Loose	£ 389.09
Total	£ 694.49

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

Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2023: No class this week because of half term.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses on 18th /19th February.

HCPT Group 51 would like to thank everyone who came or supported out quiz night last week. Our evening of quizzing, food and fun raised almost £1000, which will help us take some special children on a holiday pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter.

Huge thanks to everyone involved! If you would like to know more about the HCPT group contact Mary, 07737899487 or group51@hcpt.org.uk or donate on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hcptgroup51>

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, Online donation (*via the Parish Website*) 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 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](#)

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 3rd March 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 1st March 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](#).

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 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.

Confirmation & 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 Child's Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stickers are issued before Mass and will not be issued for a missed Sunday.

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

EVENTS

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

CELEBRATE - Parenting for Faith: a new online course starting for those with Babies and Toddlers over 5 weeks from 23rd March 23 via Zoom starting at 8:00pm.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Those who are unable to get to church often, apart from on Sundays, can sometimes be unaware that almost every day of

the year we celebrate a particular saint. On Tuesday one particular saint caught my attention, St John Bosco. This holy priest and teacher stands as a shining example to all school teachers today, and can teach all of us a lot about the care of the young, especially in our sometimes troubled city.

St John Bosco was born just under 200 years ago in the northern part of what is now Italy. He was a pious child but also full of life and joy. In 1825, when he was nine, Bosco had the first of a series of dreams which would play an influential role in his outlook and work. This first dream "left a profound impression on him for the rest of his life", according to his own memoirs. Bosco apparently saw a man, who "appeared, nobly attired, with a manly and imposing bearing" surrounded by thousands of others. The man said to him: "You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So begin right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful."

Although He was a poor boy, the education he needed was given to him by a priest who supported him, himself later canonised as St Joseph Caffasso. After his ordination he soon devoted Himself to the betterment and education of orphans and other disadvantaged children who he saw all around, with no one to care for them. To help him in his work he founded a religious order of school masters devoted to the work of educating the disadvantaged and committed to using the kindly spirituality of St Francis de Sales. This new Order was what we now call the Salesians of Don Bosco. They founded Salesians, the school near here.

He created what he called the "Preventive System of Education." He believed that, above all, the teacher must truly love his charges. And they must know that they are loved and cared for. In a letter he wrote to his followers "you must never forget that you are taking the place of parents who love their children... It is so much easier to get angry than to be patient, to threaten a boy rather than persuade him." His system of education was based around reason, kindness and religion, as well as time for music and games.

So, today we should ask St John Bosco to pray with us for the lost boys of today. In the streets of this city we see many youngsters caught up in drugs, in gangs and trapped in a spiritually stunted world where education, work, family and even the faith are not respected or even thought to be of much value. Like St John Bosco we must never think that these children are beyond the pale. That they cannot be reformed to be the wonderful beacons of love and joy which God created them to be. Above all we must pray for them, and must also pray for the teachers who work in our schools and all those who work with young people.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Peter McGloin, Mary Taylor, Sheila Roughan, Iris Maton, Thomas Harrington, Tony Johnson, Helena Eakins, Elaine Callow.

FUNERAL

Catherine (Kay) Burbage – Monday 6th March, 11:00am
+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+