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NEWSLETTER

19TH FEBRUARY 2023 ✱ 7TH 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.*

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 10am.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22nd February 2023

MASSES AT 9:30AM, 1:15PM & 7:30PM

Reading and Prayers: pg.147; Preface III of Lent: pg.71

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.139

Preface VII: Ordinary Time, pg.70

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

11/12 February 2023

Envelopes £ 197.00

Loose £ 218.60

Total £ 415.60

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: A & C Roberts (Thursday)

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

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

Ash Wednesday: Please note this is a day of fasting and abstinence meaning that all Catholics aged 14 to 65 should refrain from meat and only eat one full meal (two snacks are

acceptable). Anyone who cannot do this for health reasons is exempted.

My Day by Day: Lent 2023, Daily Reading booklets are available in the Church Porch for £1. Please take a copy & place your donations in the basket provided.

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 Childs 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>.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria: The devastating earthquakes this week in Turkey and Syria are on the top of our minds. Donations can, of course, be directed through CAFOD who will be supporting the work of church agencies on the ground. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, and you can read about their initial response here: <https://www.caritas.org/2023/02/earthquake-in-turkey-and-syria-caritas-network-launches-first-phase-of-aid/>

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023: Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

When reading through the Second Reading and Gospel today one might find it difficult to see how they are connected. St Paul talks of the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit making the faithful into temples of God, the other has our Lord. On further reflection, however, one can see that the two insights are deeply bound up.

Christ asks complete, unconditional love for all. But he does not do this as a blunt commandment, just because it seems like a nice idea. He commands this because He wishes us to acknowledge by our actions the fundamental dignity of every human being as one created in the "image and likeness" of God, beloved by Him, and a temple of His presence.

Seeing ourselves and all other human beings in this light is utterly transformative. Our actions take on a new meaning and significance. When we enter a church, we are often struck by the peace within, the sense of reverence, the dignity of the space. But this is all an outward temple, which does not exist purely for its own sake but in order to outwardly express the temple within us which is built up in holiness.

Hence, we do, indeed, love our enemies. We love all people, and wish them well, because they too are called to make up the temple of God. This, of course, does not remotely mean that we accept as reasonable the wicked actions of others, any more than it means we should accept our own wickedness. If we are all temples of God, then we should treat ourselves with holiness, dignity and reverent respect. When we sin we violate the sanctuary of God, just as others who sin do to. Love does not mean saying yes to everything, as any loving parent will know.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

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

FUNERAL

Iris Maton – Tuesday 21st February, 10:30am

Catherine (Kay) Burbage – Monday 6th March, 11:00am

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