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NEWSLETTER

26TH FEBRUARY 2023 ✦ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.151

Preface: THE TEMPTATION OF THE LORD, pg.71

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

18/19 February 2023

Envelopes £ 335.30

Loose £ 257.07

Total £ 592.37

Standing Orders January 2023 £ 2,879.67

Church Cleaning TEAM 2: J O'Connell, J Sellings, P Goodfellow (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

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all the Masses on 4th /5th March.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2023: Classes will resume as normal from this weekend. Please see the session dates on the Parish Website.

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 Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups/First Holy Communion

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.

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

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.. 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 3 March – Lent Appeal: This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

'Come and See' – Introduction to the Diaconate 2023: Men who may be considering a vocation as a deacon, or for those wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend one of the Introductory Mornings on: 4th March, 10am-12noon: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN or 20th May, 10am-12noon: 'Greenford Parish Hall - Our Lady of the Visitation, 358 Greenford Road, UB6 9AN. For further information please contact Deacon Colin Macken, email: colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

At the beginning of His public ministry our Lord had one simple message: "repent, and believe the gospel." Repentance: the setting aside of everything within us which is not of God and turning towards the gospel with all our hearts is the very essence of being a true disciple, true conversion. But true interior conversion must, naturally, lead us to express our new outlook in actions. We need, in short, to become better people. We must get rid of bad habits, vices, and build up good habits, virtues. During Lent in a particular way we are called to do this by imitating our Lord's forty days of fasting in the desert. As St John says "by my works will show you my faith."

We do this in three ways: prayer, fasting and alms giving. Each helps us in a different way to discipline ourselves, shedding our sinful vices and building up virtues.

Prayer is certainly the first and most important part of becoming a better Christian. As our Lord says "without me you can do nothing." Christ carried the sins of the whole world on His back as He claimed the hill of Calvary. It was hard, but He alone had the strength to do it. He wants us to put our own sins, and all our troubles, onto His back. As He said just before His suffering: "I was born for this." Even when we do not feel the repentance we should feel, we can at least ask God to give us the grace of true repentance. More than that, we can also ask for the grace we need to be strong in the future.

Fasting is something we do less than in the past. Our ancestors in the faith, for more than a thousand years, would have eaten no meat for all of Lent and only eaten on full meal a day! It would probably be unwise for most of us to try to copy them, but we can and should give up something. This helps to crush the sin of greed within us, helps to build up our self-control and can also leave aside a little spare money which we can use to help the needy.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Peter McGloin, Mary Taylor, Sheila Roughan, Thomas Harrington, Tony Johnson, Elaine Callow, Iris Maton
FUNERAL

Helena Eakins – Wednesday 1st March, 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+