



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

5TH MARCH 2023 ✦ 2ND 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.155

Preface: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, pg.72

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

25/26 February 2023

Envelopes £ 285.70

Loose £ 345.27

Total £ 630.97

Standing Orders January 2023 £ 2,879.67

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos (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

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

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

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The new rota starting 19th March is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - [Parish Groups.](#)

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.

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

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.

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.

'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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP.

Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November.

Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem.

Flying from Heathrow on BA.

Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential.

You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

As we continue along our journey towards Easter we see in today's gospel a little reflection of what is to come. The apostles are about to go up to Jerusalem with our Lord and will see Him arrested, mocked, tortured and crucified. Imagine the strength needed to stay true through all of that, to stay true. As always, our Lord is merciful well beyond what is necessary, so He does not expect the apostles to stay true without having given them a little taste of who He really is. In this sense the Transfiguration, as we call it, is not a transformation of Our Lord but the revealing for a short time of who He really is, what He really is and has been from all eternity. Not only that, He stands between the two greatest prophets, Moses and Elijah of the Old Testament, who each represent the two halves of the ancient Jewish scriptures: the law and the prophets.

Perhaps much like the apostles we, in this difficult time, also need confirming in our hope. Often things can seem bleak. All of us have been under great strain, and we know this strain will go on for some time longer. This comparatively small strain is, however, one which we know, sooner or later, will end. The transfiguration can remind us that, in the end, this is true of all our earthly sufferings. The shining glory of the Risen Christ stands for us as a permanent sign and symbol of the divine mercy which has been poured out on us and will continue to be so long as we ask for it.

In Lent we continue to look particularly towards the cross, to look upon the sufferings of Christ for our sake. In that we see what God would do for each and every one of us. But let us not lose sight of the whole: that the suffering and death of Our Lord are part of the single Paschal Mystery, the mystery which ends in the triumph of the resurrection. We do not deny the importance of suffering or pretend that it is nothing at all. It is important and it is very real, but it is part of a wider story, a story of new birth.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Peter McGloin, Mary Taylor, Sheila Roughan, Thomas Harrington, Tony Johnson, Elaine Callow, Iris Maton, Helena Eakins

FUNERAL

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