



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

19TH MARCH 2023 ✠ 4TH 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.164

Preface: THE MAN BORN BLIND, pg.72

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

11/12 March 2023

Envelopes £ 182.20

Loose £ 380.10

Total £ 562.30

Standing Orders February 2023 £ 2,862.89

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (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

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.

Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 9th April 2023 to April 2024 are available for collection from **TODAY at the Rectory Porch before & after all Masses this weekend and next.**

If you wish to support your parish by **Weekly Donation Envelopes or Standing Order**, please complete [Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order \(Blue\) Form](#) available in the Church Porch & drop it into the Rectory letter box or contact the Parish Office.

If you wish to join the Standing Order or have already setup the Standing Order and wish to cancel your Weekly Donation Envelopes. Kindly email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk or call [01932783507](tel:01932783507) with your existing Box number & Full Name.

HOLY WEEK 2023

Ministers of Word & Stewards: are requested to sign the sheet that will be available in the Church Porch for the Triduum from [Wednesday 22th March](#). Please opt for one service, allowing other ministers a chance to serve.

Easter Flower Collection: Next weekend 25/ 26 March after all Masses.

Penitential Liturgy: on [Tuesday 28th March](#), 7pm to 8pm. Three priests will be available, including a visiting priest.

Good Friday Liturgy for Children: The parish will have a liturgy geared towards children on Good Friday morning at 11am, where the children will hear the story of the Passion and venerate the Cross.

Choir for Easter: The parish is looking to put together a small choir to sing at our Holy Week services. Extensive experience is not required, even inexperienced singers are helpful in leading hymns. Anyone who would like to apply should email the parish office or leave a message on the phone. The rehearsal will be announced soon.

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

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.

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.

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: The new rota starting 19th March 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.

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

St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Michael Catholic Primary School are currently advertising business manager positions. Please visit the employment page on the schools' website or contact the schools directly for further information.

Board of Directors/Trustees Vacancy: The Ascension Catholic Academy Trust (ACAT), which incorporates six Diocese schools in our area, including St Richard Reynolds, needs an architect, surveyor or civil engineer to join its board of directors/trustees. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Metcalf, the Chair of the Board of ACAT, at m.metcalf@ascensioncat.org.

Annual Mass for Migrants: The Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster are celebrating the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, at 12pm. This year it will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams sm. All are welcome, please see the poster in the Church porch.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk the following details: husband and wife's full names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

CAFOD Family Fast Day- Lent Appeal: This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. Give today to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Use the envelope or give online at cafod.org.uk/lent

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023: Funds raised this year will be shared between: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Please take a donation envelope today or you can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Sunday, "Laetare Sunday" as it is usually called, marks the official half way point of our Lenten journey. The word "Laetare" means "rejoice" because today we remember that while our journey from sin to new life in Christ can often be sorrowful, it is all pointing towards the joy of redemption.

During Lent we rightly hear a lot about the need for sorrow for our sins. This is not about morbidly fixating on our past failures but about examining our consciences to make sure we see when we have failed and recognising the need for justice. On the cross we see revealed the true reality of what sin is in the sight of God. His perfection when confronted with evil.

But this is where we bring in the "rejoice". While we know that we have sinned, and that we rightly weep both for those sins and the sins of the world, Christ has not come to condemn the world but to save it. The cross reveals the horror of sin to us, but it is inextricably linked to the resurrection. The resurrection, which is the complete revelation of the heart of God Himself, beyond His justice or even our conception of what perfection would mean: the mystery of His loving mercy.

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, Catherine (Kay) Burbage, David Hardman

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