



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

26TH MARCH 2023 ✦ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

(Please refer to the Holy week & Easter 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.170

Preface: LAZARUS, pg.72

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

18/19 March 2023

Envelopes £ 338.00

Loose £ 321.18

Total £ 659.18

Standing Orders February 2023 £ 2,862.89

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

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: A big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have been supporting our parish.

Your Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 9th April 2023 to April 2024 are available for collection at the Rectory Porch before & after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish office.

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.

Easter Flower Collection: TODAY after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers & Stewards: are requested to sign the sheet available in the Church porch for the Triduum. Please opt for one service, allowing other Ministers a chance to serve.

Good Friday: Day of fast and Abstinence. There will be a retiring Collection for the *Holy Places*.

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.

Altar Servers: Please sign up for the liturgies you will be present for on the sheet in the Sacristy.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

2nd April: Palm Sunday

Masses: 6:00pm (Sat Vigil), 9:30am and 11:30am

Monday 3rd April & Tuesday 4th April: Mass at 9:30am

(Church opens at 8:30am)

Wednesday 5th April: Church CLOSED

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

6th April: Maundy Thursday

(There will be no morning Mass, Church opens at 3:00pm)

8:00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Washing of the Feet and

Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

(Compline at 11:45)

7th April: Good Friday

(There will be no morning Mass. Church opens at 9am)

10:00am: Liturgy for Children

3:00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

8th April: Holy Saturday

(There will be no morning Mass. Church opens at 12noon)

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

9th April: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

Masses: 9:30am and 11:30am

Monday 10th to Friday 14th April: Mass at 11:00am

(Church is closed after Mass)

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: Classes will resume after Easter.

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.

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: Please use the envelope or give online at cafod.org.uk/lent

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023: 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

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Passion Sunday, we enter the final part of our journey towards the Sacred Triduum, the three celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter itself.

Every day of the year is a good day on which to meditate on the Passion of our Lord, but during these two weeks we concentrate with particular intensity on that sorrowful journey. Why do we focus so much on the Passion? Surely the glory of the resurrection should be our central focus? Yes, of course, the resurrection is the primary focus of our Christian life but we can never escape from the fact that it is the cross alone which leads to the resurrection. As our Lord has said: "if anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." What can "come after me" mean but be rise from the dead as he did?

Why is the cross so necessary? In strict terms, it is not necessary as such. God the Father does not demand the blood of His Son directly. Rather, it is the tragic consequence of sin, of departure from God. God has, from the beginning, expected only one thing, that humanity should be what he made it to be: good. Humanity was made to be good, to love God, to know God, to serve God and to be happy with God forever. Yet we are not. This is Christ's primary mission, to live as all people should live, to perfectly live out God's vision for humanity. But our Lord does this in a fallen world. In a world with sin, God's perfect creation has been damaged, it suffers from an infection, a parasite: evil. Evil cannot exist by itself, just as disease cannot exist by itself. It is a disorder, a warping of how things ought to be. As we know, diseases don't just persist, they expand into any healthy body they can. This is why evil cannot abide goodness. Evil's nature is to attack and corrupt goodness. So, when faced with perfect goodness, as it was in the person of Jesus Christ, evil attacks. Our Lord came to perfectly fulfil the will of God the Father, and the price which the fallen world demanded for that was His death on the cross.

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+