



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 ✦ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### The Coronation of Their Majestics King Charles III and Queen Camilla Saturday, 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey



*O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

#### MASS TIMES

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30am.

**Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Mass at 11am.**

**Sung Mass for the Nation and the King,**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm (No Friday Abstinence)**

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

**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 - CANCELLED THIS WEEK.

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 10:30am -11:15am (in the Sacristy) - CANCELLED THIS WEEK - or by appointment.

#### MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY

Year A

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.262

Preface IV of Easter: THE RESTORATION OF THE UNIVERSE THROUGH THE PASCHAL MYSTERY, pg.74

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

**22/23 April 2023**

Envelopes	£ 233.10
Loose	£ 309.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 542.66</b>

**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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) & for Parish Centre(s) bookings, please email at [sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk) or contact Lavina, Parish Administrator at the Parish office.

#### PARISH NOTICES

**Priest Training Fund:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**Mass for the Nation and the King:** On Friday evening at 7:30pm there will be a sung Mass for the King and the nation to mark the coronation on Saturday.

**Friday Abstinence:** Invoking a privilege granted by Pope St Pius X to the people of Britain in 1901 for the coronation of King Edward VII the Cardinal has dispensed all Catholics from Friday abstinence on the day before the King's coronation.

**Confirmation Confessions:** There will be no rehearsal or confessions for the confirmandi on Tuesday.

**100 Club: EXCITING NEWS** - Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May sees the end of year draw for the 100 Club after the 9.30am Mass. There will be bonus draws as the Account is emptied in readiness for the new year which starts in June. Good Luck to all our members! WE NEED NEW MEMBERS - Membership costs £12 per year but many members sign up for more, you can also buy as a gift for

children and grandchildren. With member's support we raise nearly £5000 per year, just over half of the money is given out in prizes and the remainder to support our Parish. Look out for Marek and Helen before and after all Masses this weekend, they are looking for new members. Alternatively email; [stignatius100club@btinternet.com](mailto:stignatius100club@btinternet.com) or visit the 100 Club on the Parish website if you'd like to be a member! Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

**First Holy Communion 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.

**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 and to all those who are planning to join. 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 visit our Parish Website.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to offer a Mass, the blue envelopes are available in the Church Porch.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you know of someone in the parish who is very ill please contact Fr Christian to arrange a visit.

**Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning:** Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

**Stewards & Minister's Rotas:** The new rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - Parish Groups.

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

**Family Rosary and Fish & Chips** on the first Friday of each month – the next date is 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 10<sup>th</sup> May to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. You don't have to have children to come – you just have to like them!

### 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.

### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Sunday, the fourth after Easter, is traditionally called "Good Shepard Sunday" because of the pastoral imagery used by Our Lord in today's gospel. Christ the Good Shepherd has, since the earliest centuries, been a powerful image for the faithful. The earliest artistic depictions of Our Lord which we have shown Him as the Good Shepherd. Perhaps this is unsurprising: it is such a comforting and beautiful image. The one who will watch

over us, the one who will lead us to greener pastures, the one who will come to find us when we are lost, and the one who will fight off the wolves which may attack us.

The Church has long connected this aspect of Our Lord's ministry very closely with those who are charged with the pastoral care of the Church: the priests. Truly it is the very best image of what priesthood is all about. It is about watching for the stray, comforting those in difficulty, leading to greener pastures and, above all, self-sacrifice for the flock. It is a very grave charge: Our Lord personally gave the ministry of offering the Sacrifice of the Mass for the living and the dead, absolving sinners and teaching the faith to His first priests, the Apostles.

This ministry is a wonderful joy in so many ways, but the chief joy is the people. As St John Vianney said: "The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself... he is not for himself, he is for you."

Across the world today there are still many thousands of young men who are prepared to take the route less trodden and to embrace all the difficulties which being a priest in today's world may bring. I can attest to this myself, I was only ordained in 2016.

But just as the priest is for the people, so the priest cannot be without the people. Above all this means prayer. Without prayer nothing can be accomplished. Without prayer priests will be wicked, priests will be few and priests will be useless. With prayer, however, priests will be holy, priests will be many and priests will bring ever more souls into communion with the Living God.

*To live in the midst of the world  
without wishing its pleasures;*

*To be a member of each family,  
yet belonging to none;*

*To share all suffering;  
to penetrate all secrets;*

*To heal all wounds;  
to go from men to God*

*and offer Him their prayers;*

*To return from God to men  
to bring pardon and hope;*

*To have a heart of fire for Charity,  
and a heart of bronze for Chastity*

*To teach and to pardon,  
console and bless always.*

*My God, what a life;  
and it is yours,*

*O priest of Jesus Christ.*

*Lacordaire*

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**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+*