



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

21ST MAY 2023 ✦ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

ROSARY: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. 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.

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.275

Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord: THE MYSTERY OF THE ASCENSION, pg.75

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

7 & 14 May 2023

Envelopes	£ 229.00	£297.91
Loose	£ 283.99	£334.51
Total	£ 512.99	£632.42

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

Corpus Christi Procession: The parish will have a Corpus Christi Procession on the afternoon of Sunday 11th June at 3pm. It will be within the church, and will probably take under half an hour. This should be a wonderful way for the parish to express its love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The First Holy Communion children will also join the procession as a joint thanksgiving.

First Holy Communion Books: All parents who have still not paid for their children's workbook should make the payment

during the next few days. Those who's bills are still outstanding have been contacted.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals: The rehearsal for our First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday will be at 4:30pm this Friday (26th) in the church. Only children who are receiving their Communion on Sunday 28th May should attend.

First Holy Communion Mass: First Holy Communions will be received at the 11:30am Mass next Sunday, 28th May. All parishioners are welcome to attend if they wish. Some pews will, however, be reserved for the children's families.

Thank you for your generosity: We have raised for *Priest Training Fund* £608.43, *CAFOD Family Fast Day- Lent Appeal* £135 & *Cardinal's Lenten Appeal* £65.

100 Club: *Congratulation to all our winners!* £545 was paid out in prizes and a handsome cheque of £1075 has been given to Fr Christian for the upkeep of the Parish.

Thanks to all of you who have signed up to the 100 Club, we're still looking for new members, you can apply through the parish website or contact Marek or Helen or email stignatius100club@btinternet.com.

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.

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 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 9th June 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 7th June 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.

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

Diocesan jobs – Please see the Notice board or for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis's Mother Antonia Salzano: The mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be visiting the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on Thursday 1st June at 6.30pm. Following a Sung Mass, Antonia Salzano will give a talk about her recently-beatified son, his life and his relationship with Our Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo. Please see the poster in the Church porch.

CAFOD: Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out

more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Called to action by our faith– Saturday 10th June: You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite here.

Mary's Meals is recruiting a supporter engagement officer for London and the Southeast. The role is fully remote with optional working from the London office available. We're looking for someone with passion and personality to help grow the Mary's Meals movement in London & South East. Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from all walks of life and we are focused on one goal – that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

During this past week we celebrated the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is perhaps a peculiar thing to celebrate. After all, would it not be a wonderful thing if we were able to talk to our Lord face to face, just as we speak to each other? To see Him say those words of forgiveness and give us the promise of eternal life would surely be a truly wonderful thing.

The Ascension, however, was an important and necessary part of our Lord's redemptive work as it is through this event that He takes His proper place as the head of the Church and the one who is present in all places at all times, particularly in the sacraments.

In truth, Christ has never left the world. The miracle of the Incarnation cannot be undone. Christmas is not reversed. Rather, it is transformed and elevated. His earthly body continues, of course, but upon this earth, more importantly, His body becomes us. We, the Church, become the Body of Christ. He remains the head, but we the members. His hands to reach out to those in need, His eyes to look with compassion, His lips to pronounce the forgiveness of sins: these are all things we are called to do with Him and for Him. All while He remains head. Where the head has gone, heaven, the body is sure to follow.

Most especially, the Risen Christ is present in our sacraments. When the Mass is said; where absolution is pronounced, or any of the other sacraments is validly performed, then Christ Himself is present and is the true minister, the priest merely the vessel.

So this is why Christ ascended, that He might continue the work of the incarnation through us, both in the sacraments, our teaching, and our charity to the world.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Elaine Callow, Iris Maton, Helena Eakins, Catherine (Kay) Burbage, David Hardman, Peter Barnes, Christine Stacey.

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