



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

4TH JUNE 2023 ✦ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Year A

First Reading: Exod 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Dan 3:52-56

Response: *To you glory and praise for evermore.*

Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

27/28 May 2023

Envelopes £ 196.50

Loose £ 439.97

Total £ 631.47

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

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

Confirmation Certificates: This years Confirmation certificates are now available from the parish office.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 11th June at 3pm



The parish will have a Corpus Christi Procession 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.

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/>

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.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a **Divine Mercy Retreat 2023** at Sacred Heart RC Church New Priory Quex Road Kilburn London NW6 4PS on Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In past centuries it was common for priests to refrain from preaching on Trinity Sunday since the subject can be very tricky! The mystery of the Trinity is, however, absolutely central to our faith. It is something to be celebrated, not downplayed. As St John Henry Newman wrote, put simply: "firmly I believe, and truly, God is Three and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son."

To flesh that out a little, through His public ministry, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God has revealed to us something about Himself which we could not have discovered by reason alone and which we, being finite creatures before the infinite majesty of God, could never fully understand: that He is One God, indivisible, yet also abiding in Three Persons. These Persons are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

How is this so? As a mystery of the faith the Trinity is above human reasoning but we can perhaps approach understanding the matter if we look within ourselves. Each of us is, without doubt, one. Yet we do have multiplicity within us. We all have memory, understanding and will. Our memory is not our understanding, or our will yet it is us, just as our will is not our understanding or memory yet is also still us. We are our memory, our understanding and our will yet these things are not each other. In the same way God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet these three Persons are not each other.

Another way to see this is as the great St Augustine did. His vision of the Trinity does something more as well, it perhaps gives us some insight into how we, the beloved children of God, are caught up in the mystery of the Trinity. St Augustine compares the Trinity to our self-understanding and love. We are, we have our own idea of ourself and we have our own self-love. These three remain within us, they are all part of us as one creature, yet they are not each other. Similarly, God the Father has existed from all eternity yet, co-eternal with that existence is the Father's self-image: "the image of the invisible God" (as St Paul says). This image is God the Son, He who became man and walked by galilee. Between the Father and the Son there is a third element: the love "breathed", as it were, between them. This love we call the Holy Spirit.

So how does St Augustine say we are drawn into this vision? We are called into Christ. Also, in our baptism, and throughout our lives as Christians, we have been drawn into that love which passes between the Father and the Son. Enveloped in Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is why Christians have something far more powerful than mere eternal joy in heaven. Rather, we are drawn up into God Himself. We dwell within God, in a sense, we become participators in God. This surpasses all we might image God would wish for us, and this is possible because God is Three and God is One.

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+