



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

11TH JUNE 2023 ✦ CORPUS CHRISTI

MASS TIMES

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

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

Friday 16th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Mass at 9:30am (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.

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.83

Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist: THE FRUITS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST, pg.65

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

3/ 4 June 2023

Envelopes £ 324.00

Loose £ 273.00

Total £ 597.00

Standing Orders April 2023 £ 3,547.57

Standing Orders May 2023 £ 3,100.64

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

Confirmation Certificates: This year's Confirmation certificates are 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.

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/>

Westminster Cathedral Friends host a quiz with Fish and Chip supper on Wednesday 14th June at 6.30. Enjoy a good night out whilst supporting Westminster Cathedral. Advanced booking by 10.00 am on Wednesday 14 June for catering to be finalised. On Tuesday 20 June at 7.15 Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. For booking <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends>. Contact friends@rcdow.org.uk

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 17th 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.

World Refugee Day takes place every year on the 20th June. 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of Refugee Week, which is an initiative founded in the UK. The theme for this years' Refugee Week is COMPASSION. Pope Francis has called compassion 'the language of God' and 'the path of true justice'. He also says that 'closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God. You can read this at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

Gumley House School - Summer Fair on Sunday 9th July 2023 from 12-4pm. There will be dozens of stalls, BBQ, raffles, music, food, bar and much more so please do come along! The entrance is via Gumley Gardens on St John's Road, Isleworth, TW7 6PP.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today marks the great Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, more usually known by its Latin name "Corpus Christi." Of all the comforts and supports which God has granted to us during our earthly pilgrimage we can have little doubt that the greatest is the Sacrifice of the Mass. In this greatest of the sacraments we are not only made present at the foot of the cross, made fresh witnesses of the sacrifice of God's own Son for us, we are also invited into a union with the divine quite beyond the simply spiritual. By the miracle called, in the Church's technical language, transubstantiation, the substance of bread and wine is entirely transformed into that of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, only the outward appearance of bread and wine remaining.

How do we know that this extraordinary and breathtaking teaching is what Our Lord intended? The Church's unbroken tradition from the apostles themselves and the words of scripture are clear: our Lord took bread and said "this is my body" and, similarly wine, and said "this is my blood." He did not say "this is a symbol of my body" or "we are play-acting that this is my body." He said "is" quite explicitly. Indeed, in another place (John, Chapter 6) Christ is even clearer: He takes great pains to emphasise that He wanted His disciples to eat His flesh and drink His blood. When some do not accept this, and even a good number of His disciples leave Him, He does not cry after them "no! no! I only meant that as a metaphor, I was only speaking symbolically." He is said, but He lets them go. Such was the importance of this teaching to our Lord Himself.

Why is it so important? It is often said that "you are what you eat" and this phrase is particularly appropriate of Holy Communion. Our Lord is very direct with us about what this means: "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you will not have life in you" (John 6:53). This, like so many of the mysteries of our faith is about becoming one with the Godhead. Christ is in God and God is in Christ so if we are in Christ we are in God. We are drawn into Christ at our baptism but it is in Holy Communion that the fullness of intimate communion with Christ is achieved.

A full appreciation for this greatest gift of God is vital for true spiritual growth. This is why we do all those things which help us to recognise the reality of what Holy Communion is. We call the host "the Blessed Sacrament", we honour Him with beautiful churches, sacred vessels of silver and gold, candles, incense, music. All of these things speak to us of the glory and beauty of God, of the things of heaven. As things which can be seen, they help us enter into the reality of things which remain unseen.

During the last year it has often been difficult to honour the Blessed Sacrament as we should. Masks, long queues at communion and the rest, has made devotion harder than in the past. I hope that, as we slowly move out of lockdown and restrictions, we will be able, as a parish, to appreciate ever more deeply this greatest gift of God.

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+