



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 ✱ 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES

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

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

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – SS Peter and Paul**  
**Mass at 9:30am and 7:30pm**

**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.93

Preface IV of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE HISTORY OF SALVATION, pg.67

**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](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

**ST IGNATIUS 100 CLUB:** The first draw of the year will take place on TODAY - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, we hold it later in the month to allow everyone to make their payments. The July Draw will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. With thanks to all our Members and Good Luck to everyone in the draws!

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion Certificates:** This year's Confirmation & First Holy Communion certificates are available from the parish office.

**Parish Corpus Christi procession:** Fr Christian and the parish would like to extend a thank you to everyone who made last week's procession a great success. It was the first such procession for over 50years but had a great turnout and the ceremonies were beautiful.

**First Communion tea party:** Fr Christian and the parish would like to extend a thank you to everyone who made the First Holy Communion tea party a wonderful success. Preparations and clear up were hard work but we made it a fantastic event which the children will remember for decades to come.

### 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](http://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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk)

## EVENTS

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

**CAFOD Diocese of Westminster:** Community Participation Co-ordinator – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page. [cafod.org.uk/jobs](http://cafod.org.uk/jobs) (Closing Date 25/6)

**Wintershall Life of Christ:** The greatest story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music. The Life of Christ is a passion play not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious. Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm. 27<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July. Book your tickets <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/life-christ-6>

**Community Movie Screening - The Letter:** At St Margarets Church, Twickenham TW1 1RL on Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 7.00 pm. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudate Si, his encyclical on climate change and climate justice, subtitled "On Care for our Common Home". In the film "the Letter" Pope Francis brings together those on the frontline of climate change, from indigenous leaders in the Amazon to those studying the effects on our oceans, for a discussion on the growing crisis and our responsibilities for the care of our common home. The film is a call to action, and so after the screening we will have some time to agree what next steps we can take as individuals, as a parish, and as part of the wider community.

## FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Last Thursday the Church in England celebrated the feast of two of our greatest martyrs: St John Fisher and St Thomas More. The legacy of these martyrs, as well as all the other martyrs of the so-called Reformation, is one which we are all a part of. It was by their courage, witness and prayers that our own parish exists, that the Mass is still celebrated in every part of England and

that the faith of our fathers has endured "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword."

St John Fisher and St Thomas More are, however, particularly special. This is not only because of how early they were but because of how prominent they were and what such extraordinary lives they led before they made their sacrifice.

St John Fisher was the only one among the bishops of England who remained loyal to the faith in face of persecution. After nearly a thousand years of Catholic England, in a land filled with churches, priests, monks, and pious lay people, the shepherds tasked by God with the government of the Church in England abandoned their posts at the first sign of trouble. Perhaps we should not be surprised that it was St John Fisher who stood firm, however. His spiritual writings are still worth reading today, and his fame as a pastor and spiritual counsellor during his lifetime show the measure of the man.

St Thomas More was also a prominent man: Lord Chancellor of England (effectively Prime Minister). In that task he was famously just and impartial. At a time when bribes were common, he was unusual in refusing all offers. Not only that, he was a famous man of letters, maintaining friendships with many of the great intellectuals of the day, from all over Europe. He pioneered women's education by creating a system for educating his daughters, who became famous for their intelligence, wit and charm.

For both of these men the call of conscience rang clear and loud. They remained loyal subjects of the king till death, but knew that no man, whoever he may be, has the right to force a Christian to abandon his faith. They refused the oath declaring the king "Supreme Head of the Church", for Christ is our only Head and He has placed the governance of the Church into the hands of the bishops, with and under the Successor to St Peter alone.

The words of St Thomas himself best describe his heroic stand: "this indictment [against me] is grounded upon an Act of Parliament, directly repugnant to the Laws of God and his Holy Church, the Supreme Government of which, or of any part thereof, no temporal person may by any Law presume to take upon him, being what right belongs to the See of Rome, which by special prerogative was granted by the mouth of our saviour, Christ himself, to St. Peter, and the Bishops of Rome his Successors only, whilst he lived, and was personally present here on Earth: it is therefore, amongst Catholic Christians, insufficient in Law, to charge any Christian to obey it."

The poignant words put into his mouth by the playwright Robert Bolt echo to us as a true cry for Christian freedom against tyranny: "I am the King's true subject. I pray for him and all the realm. I do none harm. I say none harm. I think none harm. And if this be not enough to keep a man alive, then in good faith I long not to live."

### 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+*