



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 ✠ 23RD 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.*

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.125

Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: SALVATION THROUGH THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST, pg.67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

26/27 August 2023

Envelopes	£ 331.80
Loose	£ 344.99
Total	£ 676.79

Standing Orders July 2023 £ 2,966.82

Standing Orders August 2023 £ 3,130.14

Church Cleaning Team 3: C Dos Passos & N Dunu (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

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

First Holy Communion 2024: Online registration will be open via the Parish Website on Wednesday 13th September. Please do not panic, take your time to complete all the details carefully. The course is aimed at children in Years 3 or 4. Registration deadline, session dates & parents' first meeting date will be announced soon. If you have any queries, please email at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

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, please use the blue envelopes that are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelope with all the details on the slip through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office. If you wish a Mass to be said on a specific date please place your request well in advance to avoid disappointment. Please provide the *date & time* of your preference, *full name* and *Mass intention*: Sick, Birthday, Wedding Anniversary, Thanksgiving, Private Intention, RIP, RIP Anniversary and so on.

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.

Minister's Rotas: The NEW rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - [Parish Groups.](http://Parish Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups/First Holy Communion)

Repository: The Repository will reopen, with new and exciting stock, in September. Many thanks to all those who have supported this venture over the last year.

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>.

- ONLINE APPOINTMENTS will be scheduled:** For Secondary Transfer Year 7 - Sept - Oct, Reception - Nov - Jan & Nursery - Feb- Apr before the deadline. 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

Secondary School Transfers: Parents will be able to book meetings with Fr Christian on the Parish website as soon as possible. The closing date for on-time applications to secondary schools is 31 October 2023. For more information visit: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

EVENTS

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

Westminster Justice and Peace Outing to Plants of the Qur'an Exhibition, Kew Gardens on 14 September, 11.00am – 4.00pm. We will visit the exhibition in the morning, with time to explore the gardens in the afternoon. Please purchase your own tickets in advance via the Kew website (there are different pricing options) or on arrival. Meet just inside the ticket barriers at the Victoria Gate entrance at 11.00am where we will begin and end the day with prayers. Bring a picnic lunch. Contact Colette Joyce – colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk/ 07593434905. Info - **SCAN**

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay" on 20 September, 6:00-7:30pm. CSAN and CBCEW Webinar - Speakers include Bishop Paul McAleenan (Lead Bishop for Migrants & Refugees, CBCEW) and Christine Allen (Director, CAFOD). Info & Register - **SCAN**

A Tent of Learning - Synodal Conversation and Conversion in Receptive Ecumenism. The Society for Ecumenical Studies, in conjunction with the Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham University, and the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AY on 23 September, 10.30am-5pm. Keynote Speaker Dr Callan Slipper. Register – **SCAN**.



Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Join the Youth Ministry on their journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday, 23rd September for only £35 (pilgrim levy included). The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. Reflecting on this year's theme 'Mary, Mother of the Home', we'll be exploring the history of Walsingham and the role of Mary as our Mother on our drive to the shrine. Only 20 seats left! **SCAN TO SIGN UP.**



FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This coming Thursday, the 14th, will be the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. It is perhaps a peculiar thing that Christians, and Catholics in particular focus on the cross so much. We have crucifixes in our churches, our houses and in our school classrooms. It is an image of suffering, an image of death. From the earliest times, however, Christians have exalted in this image. As St Paul says first "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Why? Because it is the ultimate symbol of both God's loving compassion, and His almighty power.

When we look upon the cross we see before us the utter beauty of God's humility. That He who made heaven and earth, should stoop to become like us, to be born like us, to live like us, to suffer like us, and to die as we all will die. And further yet, we see the lengths that God will go to for us, for love of us alone. "Greater love hath no man than this, to lay down his life for his friends" says our Lord. In another place scripture is also explicit "Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man - though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Many people also find deep comfort in the image of the cross because it is the unbreakable sign of God's compassion. By this I mean the word literally: com-passion, to suffer-with. While God is almighty and transcends all, He has been where we are. When we are sad, when we are anxious, when we are in pain, we know when we look upon the Cross that Jesus Christ is truly 'Immanuel': God with us.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Catherine Burbage, David Hardman, Peter Barnes, Christine Stacey, Fr Mark James Leenane, Liselotte Le Baigue (Lottie)

FUNERAL

Liselotte (Lotte) Le Baigue – Monday 11th September, 10:30am

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