



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 ✦ 24<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.*

**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

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Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.128

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

#### 9/10 September 2023

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| Envelopes    | £ 181.50        |
| Loose        | £ 290.76        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>£ 472.26</b> |

**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](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

**First Holy Communion 2024:** To register, please visit the Parish Website or SCAN THE QR CODE. Please do not panic, take your time to complete all the details carefully. The deadline is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The course is aimed at children in Years 3 or 4.

There will be a parents' meeting mid-October and the sessions



for children will start at the beginning of November. Session dates will be soon available on the Parish website. If you have any queries, please email at [sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk)

**Secondary School Transfers:** Parents are able to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish Website or please **SCAN THE QR CODE.** The closing date for on-time applications to secondary schools is 31 October 2023. For more information, visit:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk> - *School admissions*



### 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](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.

**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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk)

## EVENTS

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

**The 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees** - *"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"* on Wednesday 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 Saturday 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, 23 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.**

**Caritas St Joseph - Symbols of Faith:** Preparing parents, priests and catechists to work with people with learning disabilities on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023, 6pm – 8pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. For further Information and booking please contact Finola Ryan - [finolaryan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:finolaryan@rcdow.org.uk) / 07525812518 OR Paul Christian - [paulchristian@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:paulchristian@rcdow.org.uk) / 07854 768336

## FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Friday past the Church throughout the world celebrated the Memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion to Our Lady at the foot of the Cross, in the depths of her anguish at the death of her son, is one which has been central to much Catholic devotion for many centuries. On one level this can be hard to understand. Indeed, for many non-Catholics the images of Our Lady streaming with tears, is one of the most alien aspects of our faith. One might ask: why is this image of distress so important? did she not know that Our Lord would rise again? where was her faith in that sorrow?

The answer to all of these questions can be summed up in one word: compassion. Com-*passion*, to suffer-with. Our Lady was chosen before the world began to be perfect in all things, perfect mirror of the love of God, this is why we call her the Immaculate. The most perfect object of this overwhelming love was her divine son. She loved Him with that love any true mother should have but, as it were, with the volume turned right up. It was a love of such completeness and depth that it is quite beyond what any of us might comprehend. How did this love, therefore, respond when Our Lady saw this supreme object of her love whipped, degraded and left to die upon that cross? It responded in the most natural way: she suffered with Him. We all know this personally: when we love someone, we are pained when they are pained, their loss tears at the very root of our souls. We suffer-with, have compassion.

Our Lady of Sorrows is, therefore, not merely a nice image but is, in my opinion, perhaps the most profoundly moving and most relatable image of Our Lady that there is. When we are mourning, when we see our loved ones suffer, when we feel that indescribable pain of true compassion, we know that we are not alone in that. Moreover, we see that this is not some meaningless suffering, but it is produced of our love. In looking upon Our Lady of Sorrows we are reminded again and again that love is not always easy, indeed, sometimes, upon this earth, love may ask the price of our compassion. But is that price not worth the payment?

## 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)**

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