



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

24TH SEPTEMBER 2023 ✦ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

NO PUBLIC MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: 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.131

Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD, pg.66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

16/17 September 2023

Envelopes	£ 195.19
Loose	£ 314.14
Total	£ 509.33

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

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 13th 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

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](#)

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](#).

Repository: After its summer break, the Repository returns this weekend with new and exciting stock that is intended to enhance your spiritual, liturgical and catechetical knowledge. The Repository will be open before and after all Masses so please call by and have a look at what is on offer.

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 (CCP) 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

EVENTS

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

Marriage Encounter non-residential enrichment weekend for couples: 30th Sept & 1st Oct at St. George's Parish Centre – Sudbury. (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm). This is a great opportunity as a couple to affirm, enrich and explore your unique relationship (NB: There is no group sharing). For more information – **SCAN**



Mothers Prayers Day: Saturday 7th October at St Aloysius Church, NW1 1TA 10.30 to 5.15pm. You are warmly invited to a day of fellowship and spiritual unity, encouraging talks group sharing and a guided Mothers Prayers meeting. We welcome old friends and also those who are new to Mothers Prayers or who would like to find out more about this way of praying for our children. Parking is not available at the church. Bring a packed lunch, refreshments available. Please email Maureen Goldsmith at englandandwales@mothersprayers.org to register in advance.

Admission to Reception for September 2024 (for children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020): St Ignatius Catholic Primary School, (Green Street, Sunbury on Thames TW16 6QG) is holding OPEN MORNINGS on Tuesday 31st October at 9.30am, Tuesday 7th November at 9.30am and Thursday 30th November at 9.30am. Our Headteacher, Mrs O'Neill will address our prospective parents at 9.30am on each of our open mornings, followed by a tour of the school. You do not need to book, just come along. Deadline for applications is 15th January 2024 to your Local Authority. Each Catholic school you apply to (regardless of where you rank them) will also require their own forms to be completed by this deadline.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

"We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" – these words from the First Reading, from St Paul's Letter to Timothy, is both familiar and plainly true. The attachment to earthly goods can be a source of great evil. Indeed, it is often said that "money is the route of all evil." Perhaps that is not quite true (pride, might perhaps take that prize), but it is certainly something we should be wary of. After all, our Lord famously said in another place that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

Are we then to see all earthly goods as bad in themselves? Not exactly. There is nothing wrong with money in itself, or even with having a lot of money. Abraham was, after all, a rich man, as were several other ancient patriarchs. But what is certainly the case is that jealously guarding our money or becoming obsessed with acquiring more money, is very often a serious sin. The three primary sins here are selfishness, greed and idolatry. Selfishness and greed are fairly obvious: The selfish and greedy person hoards wealth while others suffer grave want or becomes obsessed with gaining more and more unnecessary riches. Idolatry seems less obvious but is the worst of all. Whole societies have very often been consumed by such idolatry. We need only think of materialist political ideologies, and the horrors of the Atlantic slave trade. Placing money and material gain at the centre of our lives, as the summit of our ambition, is to unthrone the one who alone should occupy that place: Almighty God Himself. God is Goodness itself, Truth itself, Love itself. Of course, He alone should be the summit, yet He so often is not. Where God has been unthroned the dignity of human beings, who He has made in His own image and likeness is usually under grave threat.

Poverty, on the other hand, has no merits in itself. That said, it is an easily observable fact that those with less earthly goods to cling to less often suffer from the temptations which the rich have to pride, selfishness and greed. If one has little, one has little to cling to!

Are we to all give away what money we have then? Is there no other way to be saved? Some certainly should. Some are called to live out the gospel as perfectly as Christ Himself. They are the ones God has chosen to become his monks and nuns. Their embrace of poverty for the sake of the gospel is a witness to us all. For most of us, however, that is not an option. Many people have families who must be provided for, businesses to run and so on. What we can do, however, is to resist within ourselves the sins which our Lord and St James condemn so severely. How do we do this? Through generosity and keeping ourselves fixed on God. If we find ourselves becoming greedy, the best way to fight that is by training ourselves to be generous.

Above all we must not forget that Christ has come to bring us grace. He will give us all the grace we need to be holy and to draw close to God. The apostles asked our Lord how anyone could be saved after He said it was hard for the rich and He answered with these comforting words "with man it is impossible, but with God nothing is impossible." We are reliant on Him, and if we know anything, it is that we can always trust Him.

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+