



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023 ✠ 26<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.*

*October - The month of Holy Rosary*

**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.134

Preface II of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE MYSTERY OF SALVATION, pg.66

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

#### 23/24 September 2023

Envelopes £ 157.00

Loose £ 337.26

**Total £ 494.26**

**Church Cleaning Team 1:** A & C Roberts (Thursday)

**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**. 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 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the church. The session dates are now available on the Parish website.



**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](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 Family Fast Day - Friday 6 October 2023:**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or **SCAN**



**Prisoners' Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023:** It is a day when the Catholic Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families. It also marks the beginning of the ecumenical Prisons Week (8th - 14th October) – a week of prayer and awareness raising of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims, prison staff and all those who work alongside them. To donate use the envelope in church or **SCAN**



**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London** is holding a **Divine Mercy Retreat** at St Anthony's RC Church Edgware HA8 9AN on **Saturday 14 October** from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

## FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

During this week we have two of the greatest feasts of the angels. This began with the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on Saturday. That feast forms a

pair with the feast of our Guardian Angels on Tuesday. The angels can seem quaint and minor figures in our faith if we only imagine them based on the delicate images we often see of them as gentle, winged servants of God or even little babies with wings. The reality of what an angel is, however, is so much more. In scripture we read frightening visions of six winged creatures with eyes of fire. No wonder the first reaction most visionaries had when confronted by angels was awe and terror. Our Lady herself needed the comforting words of Gabriel to comfort her when he brought the joyful news of Christ's conception: "do not be afraid Mary, you have found favour with God!" This is unsurprising since angels are not bound by the limitations of a body so have a level of power quite beyond anything a human being could have.

St Gabriel is commissioned by God to be the bringer of the most important news, appearing to the Prophet Daniel, to St Zechariah (father of St John the Baptist), and most importantly, to Our Lady. We pray to him for guidance.

St Raphael's name means "God heals" and is closely associated with the healing power of God. When we pray for his aid let us not forget that while God can cure sickness, the healing he brings to our souls is the greatest of all his miracles.

St Michael's is presented in scripture as the general of the heavenly armies, confronting the powers of hell. His name means "he who is like God." St Michael was, between 1888 and 1964, invoked by Catholics after daily Mass. Those prayers we first directed to freeing the Holy Father from persecution and then to the conversion of Russia from Godless communism. In both cases the prayers have born much fruit. St Michael is ready to help us in our most difficult spiritual battles.

The Guardian Angels, of course, often seem very much more humble creatures, but we should not forget that they are still powerful spirits and are particularly concerned with their charges, us.

We do not, I think, concern ourselves with them enough. As long ago as the 1930s the great French Catholic novelist George Bernanos said, through the mouth of one of his characters, an old, wise parish priest "We do not pray to Angels often enough. They frighten the theologians, like those ancient heresies from the East, a nervous fear, indeed! The world is filled with Angels." A devotion to the Guardian Angels is often extremely helpful in evangelisation. St Francis de Sales, a French bishop and great evangelist who received over 40,000 converts into the church during his life, said this of the guardian angels:

"Make yourself very familiar with the Angels; see them often invisibly present in your life, and above all, love and revere the angel of the diocese in which you live, those of the persons with whom you live and especially your own. Invoke them often... and make use of their help and assistance in your affairs... so that they may co-operate with your intentions."

Also, the Blessed Peter Faber, a companion of St Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit order said that during his missions to re-evangelise Germany he found the intercession of guardian angels very helpful. He recounted how he was given the most wonderful consolation as he asked for the intercession of the guardian angel of each parish and how he felt their protection from ambushes by those opposed to his message.

### 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+*