



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

8TH OCTOBER 2023 ✱ 27TH 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.137

Preface III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE SALVATION OF MAN BY MAN, pg.66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

30th September – 1st October 2023

Envelopes £ 446.40

Loose £ 365.51

Total £ 811.91

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 & 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: Registration for this academic year's course will close on Friday 13th October. Please see the parish website to register. Dates for this course and the date of the parents' meeting can also be found on the parish website.

A Gardening Blitz: The parish will have one of our periodic gardening blitzes this Saturday, the 14th October, starting at 9am in the car park. All are welcome, and deserve a big thank you in advance for this important maintenance work. Please do bring any gardening equipment you may need!

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips: On the First Friday of each month (the next date is 3rd November) please come and pray the rosary at 5:15pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room.. Adult Portions are £9, children's are £5.50. RSVP to place your food order by Wednesday 1st November to Cerys Bow on 07884 005 190. Those without children are welcome, you just ought to like them!

St Ignatius 100 Club: The October 100 Club draw is this Sunday, after the 9:30am Mass. Pop into the Manning Room for a cuppa and join in the fun of the draw!

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 has returned 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, held at 9:30am on Saturdays twice a month. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which work. Baptisms are at 12noon.

Becoming Catholic 2023-24: 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/>

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

The parable in today's gospel is one which has a clear meaning in the context of Our Lord's own day, but we would be mistaken to think it is not also addressed to all of us today.

Let us first look at the meaning of the parable in the context of Our Lord's own day. The symbolism Our Lord uses picks up the symbolism used in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, which we heard in the first reading, among other places in the Old Testament. The vineyard is a symbol of Israel, and her destiny as the garden in which the fruit of human salvation will be brought forth. The owner is, of course, God Himself and the tenants are the people of Israel, particularly their leaders. The servants sent to the tenants are the prophets. With all these symbols understood we can now see that Our Lord is clearly addressing those who had ignored the message of the prophets and, indeed, would soon rise up and kill God the Son Himself, for repeating the message of salvation. The master is entitled, therefore, to take this vineyard away and give it to others. The leaders will be replaced with the new leaders, the apostles. The rest of the people, however, are not replaced. Rather, in the bounty of His mercy, God goes further than simply accepting them, even after all that has happened, He wishes to open the gates of the vineyard to all the people of the world, to welcome people of every nation to the table of the Lord.

This message is not, however, merely limited to Our Lord's own context. It has its own applications in every age, including our own. We, the members of the Church of today, are just as prone to ignoring the promptings of God and departing from the way He has laid out for us as any ancient Israelite. Indeed, we have less of an excuse as we have the message of Christ! This parable is, therefore, also a call to repentance for us. When do we ignore or even oppose what we know is right? What we know, in Christ, we are called to? Do we fail to pray? Fail to try to keep humble before God? Do we allow our vices to grow and our virtues to wither? From time to time we are all guilty of these and many other faults. But we can never despair because we have a God who has sent His only Son, who has let that Son die for each and every one of us, who would do it all again if He had to. A God such as this also always open to our return to 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+