



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

15TH OCTOBER 2023 ✦ 28TH 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.140

Preface IV of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE HISTORY OF SALVATION, pg.67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

7/8 October 2023

Envelopes £ 335.00

Loose £ 299.53

Total £ 634.53

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

First Holy Communion 2024: Registration for this academic year's course is now closed. Dates for this course and the date of the parents' meeting can be found on the parish website.

A Gardening Blitz: A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to clear and tidy the parish garden and outside areas. A great improvement!

✦ November the month of the Holy Souls ✦

November, the month of the Holy Souls is fast approaching. We will all be thinking about who we would like to include in our prayers this year. Please take a blue envelope from the back of church, write your list of deceased friends, relatives and benefactors along with your donation and return it either to Fr Christian or put it through the Rectory's letterbox.

All Masses in November will be said for the souls of those on our November dead list.

Blessing of the graves at Sunbury Cemetery – Date TBC

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 Website/Parish Life/Parish Groups/First Holy Communion

Repository: 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.

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 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!

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 hosting a **Divine Mercy Retreat** at Most Precious Blood and St Edmund Campion RC Church, 115 Hertford Road, Edmonton, N9 7EN on Saturday 21 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. 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.

St Ignatius Catholic Primary School in Sunbury-on-Thames, is currently advertising for a Headteacher on ETeach website. If you would like any further information, please email admin@ascensioncat.org or contact Nicola Twose (HR Manager) on 0208 325 4630.

16 October, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK.

Marshall Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net

18 October, 7-8.30pm: Christian Climate Action – An Evening with John Dear. On Zoom. US-based Fr John Dear is an internationally recognised voice for peace and nonviolence. He has been arrested some 85 times for actions concerning peace. **SCAN** for info and to register.

11 November, 11am-2pm: CAFOD young adults (18-30) gathering. Pavilion venue. 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Free lunch and lots of info about climate action! **SCAN** for info and to register.



FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This coming week, on Monday, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. St Margaret Mary was a nun who lived about three hundred years ago in France. At that time, the Church in France was terribly afflicted by a movement known as Jansenism. One of the worst aspects of this heresy, condemned by the pope, was its extreme legalism. They said, for example, that years of severe penances should be given to repentant sinners before they could receive absolution in confession.

During her many hours of prayer, St Margaret Mary saw a vision of Our Lord. He said to her that he did not want such extreme legalism. No, what he really wanted was love and that all people know how much he loved them too. In doing this, she saw a vision of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this vision Our Lord "promised her that all those who rendered honour to His Heart would be endowed with an abundance of heavenly graces."

Because of this she spent the rest of her life spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart, and opposing the Jansenists by telling the world that the Sacred Heart burnt with love for us and desired above all things to save us. Salvation was not just for the few. No! It was for all who loved Our Lord back, who make their own hearts love as His does. In this she called so many within the Church back to one of the most central insights of our Catholic faith: that the Church is a single body, the Body of Christ, and just as no man would willingly cut off parts of his own body, so it would be insane for Christ to choose to cut us off from himself.

Another important aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart is that it is a firm reminder of the humanity of Christ, and that the love He has for us is not only divine, but is also fully human. The passion of love which we feel in our hearts just like His, though weaker, of course. Again, this helps us to see how absurd it is to think of Christ as a God who would abandon us, or judge us with great severity. Like any human heart would, His is broken by our sufferings, and swells with pride in our achievements.

So fruitful has the spread of this devotion been that the bishops of England consecrated this land to the Most Sacred Heart two hundred years later and a few years after that Pope St Pius X, a pope of unparalleled zeal, consecrated the whole human race to the Sacred Heart.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
**Peter Barnes, Christine Stacey, Fr Mark James Leenane,
Liselotte Le Baigue (Lottie), Derek Anthony Brown.**

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