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NEWSLETTER

22ND OCTOBER 2023 ✦ 29TH 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

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Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.143

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

14/15 October 2023

Envelopes	£ 318.20
Loose	£ 337.12
Total	<u>£ 655.32</u>

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 & 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 can be found on the parish website. The first session starts on Sunday 5th November, 10:30am-11:20am in the Loyola Centre. Please make sure that the payment for the book (£15) are received before the first meeting. If Cash, please drop it into the letter box in an envelope stating 'FHC - CHILD'S NAME'. If online payment via

parish website, please include Ref: 'FHC' and send a confirmation email to sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk.

All Saints Day: Wednesday 1st November, Mass 9:30am & 7:30pm.

All Souls Day: Thursday 2nd November, there will be three Requiem Masses for the Holy Souls at 9:30am, 12noon & 7:30pm.

✦ 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 –

Saturday 4th November at 1pm.

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: 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/>

Vacancy at Jesuit Missions - Fundraising

Manager: Closing date: 6 November 2023.

For an informal conversation about the role, please contact Paul Chitnis on 0208 946 0466. For more information - **SCAN**



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FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This week's gospel is a particularly famous one in the history of our faith. It is the foundation text for our entire understanding of how the faith and the state relate and, in turn, has had a vital part in creating the entire political world in which we live. Its exact meaning, however, can, and has been debated over the centuries. For a good interpretation we should, as always, turn to the unchanging basic reading which the Church has given this text since the beginning. As with all of scripture: the Church, which wrote the scripture, is always the supreme interpreter.

The Church's understanding of how the state and the faith interact has always been built around an understanding that God has ordained that different authorities have command in different areas. What are these domains though? And what are the authorities?

Firstly, there is the “secular” (i.e. worldly) sphere of life. This relates to those things which concern our material wellbeing and security here on earth, in this life. God created humanity as a social creature, a creature which is situated in social institutions. The first, and most basic, is the family. Besides this, there is our local community and our national community. The governing powers in all these institutions are, therefore, natural and good (when exercised justly). The government, hopefully, works for the earthly good of all and so is owed our respect and obedience.

The other area is quite different. It relates to all those aspects of our lives which are related primarily to our eternal destiny, not our earthly comfort. This means the faith: her teachings, her sacraments, her internal government and so on. Christ handed the administration of this area into the hands of His chosen apostles who, in turn, handed that authority on to their successors: the bishops of the Church today, with and under the Successor of St Peter, the pope. The Church was directly given her authority by the words of Christ Himself and, therefore it can never be usurped by any other authority, be it a king a republic or any other form of human organisation. The Church's independence is non-negotiable for a Catholic.

This does not mean, of course, that these two authorities cannot cooperate to help each other out. Not only can this be done, but it is sometimes a very helpful and good idea. Take our Catholic schools: their funding and some administration is looked after by the state, but they are also operated by the Church for the mutual benefit of all.

All this talk of authority and governance is very unfashionable these days, and perhaps we might worry about corrupting power of authority. The last two hundred years certainly show that some fear of tyranny is well founded. For us, as Catholics, we must also have one major caveat to our obedience, which is built on our supreme loyalty to God: that no one in any authority, whether in the Church or in the state, has the right to order us to commit a sin. If we know something is wrong, we can and must always say: “we must obey God, not men.”

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+*