



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 ✦ 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday – Church is closed.

Tuesday: 9:30am, Wednesday: 9:30am & 7:30pm, Thursday: 9:30am, 12noon & 7:30pm, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

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

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 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.146

Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE PLEDGE OF THE ETERNAL PASSOVER, pg.67

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

#### 21/22 October 2023

Envelopes £ 271.70

Loose £ 285.70

**Total £ 557.40**

Standing Orders August 2023 £ 2,822.58

**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](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:** Signup for the setup and clear up rota has started. The parents of each child should sign up for three slots each on a first come first serve basis. The first session starts on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am-11:20am in the Loyola Centre. Dates for this course can be found on the parish website. Please make sure that the payment for the book

(£15) are received before the first session. For cash payment, please drop it into the letter box in an envelope stating 'FHC - CHILD'S NAME' OR for online payment via the parish website, please include Ref: 'FHC' and send a confirmation email to [sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk).

**All Saints Day:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Mass 9:30am & 7:30pm.

**All Souls Day:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk)

### EVENTS

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection next weekend - 4/5 November:** Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and

posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

**Upper Room Leadership Programme- Aged 18-22 years old?** Westminster Youth Ministry is developing a training programme for Young Catholic Leaders. Prepare to begin a life changing journey of formation, training, and prayer with 20 other young Catholics in the Diocese. Join us, and experience inspiring places and talks across several locations in the Diocese, build relationships with others in small groups. Applications close on the 11<sup>th</sup> November – **SCAN**



### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The essence of what Our Lord tells us in today's gospel is at once beautiful, appealing, inspiring and a very difficult! It is, in effect, a call to be perfect. In the life of Christ God enters into our broken condition and reform it, remould it to be what it truly should be: perfect, the reflection of God's own image and a reflection of the perfect Goodness which God created from the beginning and will return all things too in the end.

To help us in this God has revealed his Law to us, which the words of Christ we hear today summarises. This is not an arbitrary law imposed for no reason, but is the very secrets of happiness, of what we must do to become truly human, to become truly loving people. He first revealed this to the ancient people of Israel. A lot of people think Jesus was saying something new when he revealed the golden rule: love God above all things and your neighbour as yourself. He first revealed this to the ancient people of Israel, as we saw in the first reading. Note that Christ specifically cites the Old Testament in today's gospel.

This is why Christ could not possibly have come to abolish the law. The moral law is eternal, it reflects the very inner life of God himself. He could never be abolished without God denying his own nature – which is, of course, impossible. What Christ does bring, however, is the completeness of the law. In His life he is, for us God's one, total, final Word. All that God could say to explain the law better is said in the life of Christ. He is the Word of God, and God has not got a second.

These moral laws, of course, can be very difficult. Our Lord lists a whole raft of strict commandments which he calls all Christians to follow. Our righteousness must go deeper than that of the Pharisees. So, does our Lord ask too much of us? No, he does not. Scripture says "if you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power." This may leave us all feeling a little discouraged. But let us not forget that it is precisely because being good is so difficult that Christ came to give us a means to become better with God's help. Without God we can do nothing. Without his grace we cannot become better. With grace, however, and with the forgiveness of God poured out in baptism and confession, we can always become the saints God made us to be.

#### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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