



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

5TH NOVEMBER 2023 ✠ 31ST 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.*

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.149

Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: SALVATION

THROUGH THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST, pg.67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

28/29 October 2023

Envelopes £ 209.51

Loose £ 279.69

Total £ 489.20

Standing Orders September 2023 **£ 2,822.58**

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 & 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:

1. 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.
2. The first session starts on Sunday 5th November, 10:30am-11:20am in the Loyola Centre. Dates for this course can be found on the parish website.
3. 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.

4. Stamping Mass Attendance cards will begin this weekend before all Masses 4/5 November.

5. Parents, please make sure you collect the workbook & Attendance card.

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's the November 100 Club this week. The draw will take place after the 9.30am Mass in the Manning Room and there's Tea and Coffee to help us celebrate our lucky Winners. Good Luck to all our members!

Closure of Traidcraft: You may have noticed that sadly the parish no longer has a Traidcraft stall after many years of trading. Just as the country was emerging from the pandemic, like many retailers, Traidcraft faced the combined effects of the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices and increased transport costs. After several years of poor trading, sales were negatively impacted and so the company went into administration in January this year. We would like to sincerely thank the many loyal customers who supported the stall over the years by buying products, giving donations and taking part in the popular Traidcraft Hamper draw. The parish has received the remaining balance of **£579.27**. Please continue the fight against the exploitation of growers by buying Fairtrade products whenever possible. With many thanks, Jimmy and Kate Whelan

✠ November the month of the Holy Souls ✠

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.

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. Please provide the date & time of your preference, full name and Mass intention.

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.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses on the weekend of 4/5 November. New stock (anticipating Advent, Christmas and the New Year) has arrived so please pass by and inspect the various items. Christmas cards (religiously-themed) are also available and any profits will contribute to the parish income – so please support this project. Please note: cash sales only at this time.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips: On the First Friday of each month (the next date is 1st December) 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 29th November to Cerys Bow on 07884 005 190. Those without children are welcome, you just ought to like them!

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.

Admission to Reception for September 2024 (for children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020): **St Ignatius Catholic Primary School, (Green Street, Sunbury on Thames TW16 6QG)** is holding OPEN MORNINGS on Tuesday 7th November at 9.30am and Thursday 30th November at 9.30am. Our Headteacher, Mrs O'Neill will address our prospective parents at 9.30am on each of our open mornings, followed by a tour of the school. You do not need to book, just come along. Deadline for applications is 15th January 2024 to your Local Authority. Each Catholic school you apply to (regardless of where you rank them) will also require their own forms to be completed by this deadline. We look forward to welcoming you!

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

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection TODAY: Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, please take one today or scan the 'QR Code' from the poster to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The most straightforward reading of the gospel for today is a warning to lazy and hypocritical leaders, but this short passage also has a few other important points, which can tell us a lot about how authority and the transmission of the truths of the faith work.

Firstly, you may notice that Our Lord refers to The Throne of Moses. This is an important moment which shows that the insistence of some modern Christians that the only authority in the Church is the bible is mistaken. The Throne of Moses was the name for the authority of the High Priest to govern the Temple and interpret the Law. Our Lord clearly considers it an important seat of authority, one to be respected and obeyed. But, importantly, it appears nowhere in scripture. The Throne of Moses was an institution which came down to the Hebrew people of Our Lord's day, from the time of Moses, by Sacred Tradition. Hence, we see a clear example of Our Lord rejecting a strict "bible alone" approach and adopting the Scripture and Tradition approach which He was to hand on to His Church, and which we hold to as Catholics to this very day.

An important second point is to note that Our Lord clearly instructs the people to remain obedient and to accept the authority of the High Priest: "you must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say". This approach to the authorities of the Old Covenant also has an important parallel with how authority is instituted in the New Covenant. In the Church, we have leaders: most importantly the pope and the bishops. These men have been given authority within the Church to govern her and to interpret the faith. But we should not conclude from this that they are always and everywhere good people to be imitated. The office is one thing, the man is another. We, of course, hope and pray that our leaders will be good, holy people, and they often are. They have not always been, however. We should not let this disturb us excessively in our faith, therefore. God did not promise that our leaders would always be impeccable saints. This is why we must work for good leadership both through our prayers and through any other legitimate means.

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+*