



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 ✠ 32<sup>ND</sup> 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

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Hymns: see hymn board

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

#### 4/5 November 2023

Envelopes £ 348.00

Loose £ 312.11

**Total £ 660.11**

Standing Orders October 2023 £ 3,490.06

**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](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

**Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception School** Parents will be invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish website - **Events** from weekend 25/26 November. The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 January 2024.

**Confirmation 2024:** Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 are invited to join the Confirmation course by signing up on the Parish Website from this weekend. Meetings will start in January.

**Parish Carol Service:** The parish will be having a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6:45pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Loyola Centre. The recommended donation for tickets is £5 each. All money raised will support the parish Handicapped Children Pilgrimage Trust group (HCPT). Adults and children welcome.

HCPT have a few places remaining for both helpers and children to join them on their holiday/pilgrimage to Lourdes next Easter. For more information contact Mary Soane 07737899487 or [group51@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group51@hcpt.org.uk)

**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 ✠



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Today we pray for the souls of all those from Great Britain, Ireland & the Commonwealth who gave their lives during the great wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*November is 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.

**Family Rosary and Fish & Chips:** On the First Friday of each month (the next date is 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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)

### 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.

#### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:  
**Christine Stacey, Fr Mark James Leenane, Liselotte Le Baigue (Lottie), Derek Brown, Nicholas Wells, Winnie Forry.**  
*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+*

#### 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. There is no session this Sunday. Dates for this course can be found on the parish website.
3. Parish office has still not received payments from some parents for the Reconciliation book (£15) which your child has received last weekend. Please check your mailbox for an email from Fr Christian.
4. 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).
5. *Mass Attendance cards* were issued last Sunday. If your child has not picked up their Mass Attendance card it is very important they do so this weekend along with this weekend sticker.

### EVENTS

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say *'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.*

### FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The Gospel for this Sunday is the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. As the Church's year draws to a close the Sunday readings become more and more preoccupied with the Second Coming of Christ and the parables Our Lord told about it. Meditating upon this has always been central to true Christian devotion as it that event, far from being a disaster is understood by we who believe as the glorious crowning of all creation. When "heaven and earth will pass away" (Lk 21:33) and God "will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4). This event can often seem distant to us. Christ has not come for these past two thousand years, after all. But this is perhaps to forget that our own miniature "Second Coming" is something we are all sure to experience. Like Our Lord we are all "born to die." This is why Our Lord speaks of it so very often. He wants us to remain alert, awake, aware that leading a good and pious life is the surest path to heaven.

We should not, however, allow this to unduly frighten us. This month we remember the Holy Souls who are preparing for heaven in purgatory. The Holy Souls have the inexpressible joy of knowing that they are assured the life of heaven, even though they were imperfect when they died. We see in them hope in our own imperfection. While we remain imperfect in so many ways we still know that by turning to God in repentance for our sins and, above all, in love we are all able to join them.

We must remember, we are not the children of death but the children of the Resurrection. Christ has conquered sin and death. While we might feel divided, we are always one in Him, while we might feel defeated we are always victorious in Him, and while we might feel frightened we are strong in Him. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Romans :38-39).