



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

19TH NOVEMBER 2023 ✠ 33RD 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.155

Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD, pg.66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

11/12 November 2023

Envelopes £ 218.00

Loose £ 362.29

Total £ 580.29

Standing Orders October 2023 £ 3,490.06

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

Confirmation 2024: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 are invited to join the Confirmation course by signing up via the Parish Website or SCAN this QR code. Registration will close on 15th January 2024. Meetings will start in January.



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.

Parish Carol Service: The parish will be having a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6:45pm on Friday 15th 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

✠ November the month of the Holy Souls ✠

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.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses on the weekends of 18th/19th November; 2nd/3rd December and 16th/17th December.

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.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

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 second **session** is held this Sunday, 10:30am -11:30am in the Loyola Centre. The session dates are available on the Parish Website.
- Parish office has still not received **payments** from some parents for the Reconciliation book (£15) which your child has received. Please check your mailbox for an email from Fr Christian. 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.
- Mass Attendance card:** 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.

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.

EVENTS

Diocesan jobs – Please see the Notice board or for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

Jubilee 2025: Year of the Council: Two online talks on two of the Council's Constitutions with Fr Brian O'Mahony.

28th November - Gaudium et Spes – How the Church Looks at the World. Please register with Warren Brown catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Advent Retreat for Young Adults (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Sunday 3rd December 2023 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat to prepare spiritually for Christmas, with reflections, prayer, adoration, and confessions. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, London W8 4BB. Mass at 12.15pm, Lunch at 1pm, Retreat from 2pm-5.30pm. Donations only. Register: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Young Adult Advent Retreat - *Let there be peace on earth:* Come and take time aside with other young adults aged 18-35 this Advent. We will have time to reflect and pray to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Saturday 16th December 2023, 10:30am-2:30pm at FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA (a short walk from London's Euston station), facilitated by Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcl (The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) are an International Congregation of Catholic Sisters founded by Marie Madeleine d'Houët in France in 1820) by Donation. For details/booking email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somertown.co.uk

Caritas Westminster's Advent Giving

Calendar: If you and your family would like to do something meaningful this Advent, why not try the Advent Giving Calendar. The calendar suggests an item each day for you to donate to a local food project. Please see the notice board or SCAN this QR code to download the calendar and instructions.



FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Sunday sees the parable of the talents. Like many of the gospel readings towards the end of the Church's year, it indicates how exacting God can be. Again, however, we should not forget that God's justice is always tempered by His loving mercy. At different times we need to meditate upon these different aspects of the Divine Nature. When we are being self-deceiving, or using His mercy to excuse our own sin then we do well to remember that He is just. Not only that, when we see grave injustice and the horrors which man can visit upon man it is sometimes comforting to remember that God is not mocked, that God is Mercy and Justice. It is a false comfort to a great criminal to think that when he dies then all is over for him. For such a man death seems an escape from justice. Instead like all of us, the true hope is only found in the immeasurable, loving mercy of the God who died for us upon the Cross.

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+