



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

26TH NOVEMBER 2023 ✦ CHRIST THE KING

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.158

Preface: CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, pg.68

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

18/19 November 2023

Envelopes £ 195.70

Loose £ 342.68

Total £ 538.38

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

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.

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.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception

School: Parents are invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish website or SCAN this QR code. The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 January 2024.



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 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:

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 **session dates** are available 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. 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.
4. **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

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.



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

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today is the great Solemnity of Christ the King. Throughout the scriptures Our Lord is referred to as “the king of kings” and royal imagery abounds. But what do we really mean in a concrete way when we say Christ is king? Christ tells us in one place that his is not a kingdom of this world. So, perhaps we should take from this that the kingdom is something only for the future? Perhaps God will do it in his own time? No. Christ also says “I am a king... and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.”

When the bible or the church speaks of “the world” it can mean more than one thing. On one level there is the world which we all live in, created by God to be good, and which is good and which Christ said he “came not to condemn, but to save.” But “the world” can also be a general term for what one might loosely call “the system” - all those things which are products of the fall: greed, envy, faithlessness, institutional injustice and so on. Christ's kingdom is certainly not of that world. But it is still very real, and Christ the King demands the obedience of all peoples, and all governments to the law of love.

What does this concretely mean for us? How should we respond to this? We must not leave our faith at home when we are in the public forum or make decisions about right and wrong in the world. There is a certain natural law, built on Christ's law of love, which is binding on the consciences of all people which we are called to share. In short we should always act in our public as well as in our private lives, according to what our conscience thinks is best: our conscience must be informed by our Catholic faith, the teachings of Christ. What it really centres around is love. If we truly love one another we will try to remember every single person, people who are loved by Christ and by us, as people dedicated to building up Christ's kingdom.

Yes, we must think of our families and those we have to look after first. But we also need to always act for the good of all but with special concern to the most vulnerable in our society. This is what the Church calls, “the preferential option for the poor.” Always acting with a special concern for the most vulnerable members of our society. Those who cannot afford the basic necessities of life, the disabled and the unborn. This is of putting Christ's law of love into practice and so building his kingdom.

This law of Love is one of the reasons why Catholicism has always opposed governments which support one group against the good of another group – for example, racist governments which support one racial group at the expense of another, or governments entirely in the pockets of the rich, or communist governments.

At the moment I am sure we can think of many places where this law of love is not obeyed. The oppression of the people of China, the treatment of so many civilians in the war in Ukraine. These are prime examples of resistance to Christ's law of love for all people, of resistance to his kingdom.

So, let us re-commit ourselves today to acting in our private and public lives in accordance with Christ's law of love and so build up his kingdom.

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+