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NEWSLETTER

24th December & 31st December 2023, ✕ 4th Sunday of Advent & The Holy Family

CHRISTMAS 2023

Sat 23rd December *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

10:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th December

9:30am and 11:30am Masses

Sunday 24th December *CHRISTMAS EVE*

6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

11:30pm Christmas Mass During the Night

Monday 25th December *CHRISTMAS DAY*

9:30am and 11:30am Masses

Church closes after Mass

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th December

Church CLOSED

Wednesday 27th & Friday 29th December

10:00am Mass

Saturday 30th December *HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY*

6pm Vigil Mass

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions

Sunday 31st December

9:30am and 11:30am Masses

Monday 1st January 2024 *SOLEMNITY OF MARY*

11:30am Mass

Tuesday 2nd January

11:30am Mass

Wednesday 3rd January

9:30am Mass, we are back to normal.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and New year 2024! Fr Christian

Parish Office is CLOSED from 20th Dec 2023 - 3rd Jan 2024

THANK YOU NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

I would just like to extend an enormous thank you to all the parishioners who have helped out over the Christmas period in so many different ways: organising rotas, singing at the Masses, arranging the flowers, Ministering the Eucharist, reading, Altar serving, cleaning, helping with the Sacristy and stewarding. It has been a difficult Christmas period but I hope that, together, we have managed to bring something of the light of the new born Christ into this winter.

With my prayers, Fr Christian.

MASS BOOKS FOR SUNDAY, 24th DECEMBER

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: All Masses are said this Sunday.

Readings and Prayers: pg.90

Preface: II of Advent: THE TWOFOLD EXPECTATION OF CHRIST, pg.66

MASS BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

6pm Mass of the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: See hymn board.

Readings and Prayers: pg.94

Preface: The Nativity of the Lord I, pg.66

Eucharistic Prayer: The Roman Canon

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: See hymn board.

Readings and Prayers: pg.97

Preface: The Nativity of the Lord I, pg.66

Eucharistic Prayer: The Roman Canon

9:30am Mass at Dawn

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: See hymn board.

Readings and Prayers: pg.100

Preface: The Nativity of the Lord I, pg.66

Eucharistic Prayer: The Roman Canon

11:30am Mass During the Day

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: See hymn board.

Readings and Prayers: pg.102

Preface: The Nativity of the Lord I, pg.66

Eucharistic Prayer: The Roman Canon

MASS BOOKS FOR SUNDAY, 31st January

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: All Masses are said this Sunday.

Readings and Prayers: pg.105

Preface: The Nativity of the Lord III, pg.67

PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Flower collection: Thank you for your generosity, we have raised **£248.21**

Ministers Christmas Rota is available for signing in the Church porch. If you are unable to serve as per the parish rota, please arrange for replacements.

Crib offering 2023: Crib offerings will be sent to support the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you for your kind donations.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception School: If you have missed the online appointments. Please email the Parish Office for an appointment at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk. Please do not panic. 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 via the Parish Website or SCAN this QR code. Registration will close on 15th January 2024. Meetings will start in January.



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.

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

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 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>.
- **For Secondary Transfer Year 7 (Sept -Oct), Reception (Nov -Jan) & Nursery (Feb- Apr)**, 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

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, usually held at noon on Saturdays. A child's baptism can be booked for any Saturday which works, again at noon.

Becoming Catholic 2022-23: 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.

First Holy Communion 2024:

1. Please **Sign up** for the setup and clear up rota. 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.
4. **Mass Attendance card:**
 - a) Stickers are issued to FHC children before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. The child should be present for Mass with his/her card.
 - b) Sticker will not be issued if your child is not present for Mass, has forgotten to bring the card to Mass, has missed to attend Mass or collect sticker.
 - c) Please make sure that the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case its lost. If you find a lost card, please drop it into the Rectory letter box or give it to Fr Christian or the Stewards.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Liselotte Le Baigue (Lottie), Derek Brown, Nicholas Wells, Winnie Forry, John Archer, Mary Murphy, John Archer.

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