



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

18TH FEBRUARY 2024 ✦ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 9:55am

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 B

Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.152

Preface: THE TEMPTATION OF THE LORD, pg.71

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

10 / 11 February 2024

Envelopes £ 189.00

Loose £ 415.65

Total £ 604.65

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

Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2024: No class this week because of half term.

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. Please continue your support.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass, the [blue envelopes](#) are available in the Church Porch. Please drop your Mass intention envelopes through the Rectory - Letterbox or email the Parish Office.

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](#)

Stewards & Minister's Rotas: Please note, that the Ministers of the Eucharistic rota is amended (6pm Mass). The updated rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website.

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 1st March 2024 – Come and pray the Rosary at 5.15PM in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Adult portion £9, kids portion £5.50. RSVP to place your food order by Wednesday 28th February to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190. You don't have to have children to come – you just have 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

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.

Confirmation 2024: Please see the session dates on the Parish Website.

First Holy Communion 2024: Please see the session dates on the Parish Website.

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.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 23 February & the Lent Appeal collection on 24/25 February: Family Fast Day coming up. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their



families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. For volunteering opportunities visit [Volunteer\(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Volunteer(cafod.org.uk))

Scan the QR Code and find out more about James and the fishing project in Liberia.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk with the following details: husband and wife's full names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) **by Sunday 31st March.**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a **Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat** on **Saturday 24 February 2024** from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Lawrence Church, 1 Hamilton Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7HB. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of

Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024: If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. **Scan the QR Code** to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.



FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

At the beginning of His public ministry our Lord had one simple message: "repent, and believe the gospel." Repentance: the setting aside of everything within us which is not of God and turning towards the gospel with all our hearts is the very essence of being a true disciple, true conversion. But true interior conversion must, naturally, lead us to express our new outlook in actions. We need, in short, to become better people. We must get rid of bad habits, vices, and build up good habits, virtues. During Lent in a particular way we are called to do this by imitating our Lord's forty days of fasting in the desert. As St John says "by my works will show you my faith."

We do this in three ways: prayer, fasting and alms giving. Each helps us in a different way to discipline ourselves, shedding our sinful vices and building up virtues.

Prayer is certainly the first and most important part of becoming a better Christian. As our Lord says "without me you can do nothing." Christ carried the sins of the whole world on His back as He claimed the hill of Calvary. It was hard, but He alone had the strength to do it. He wants us to put our own sins, and all our troubles, onto His back. As He said just before His suffering: "I was born for this." Even when we do not feel the repentance we should feel, we can at least ask God to give us the grace of true repentance. More than that, we can also ask for the grace we need to be strong in the future.

Fasting is something we do less than in the past. Our ancestors in the faith, for more than a thousand years, would have eaten no meat for all of Lent and only eaten on full meal a day! It would probably be unwise for most of us to try to copy them, but we can and should give up something. This helps to crush the sin of greed within us, helps to build up our self-control and can also leave aside a little spare money which we can use to help the needy.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
**Nicholas Wells, Winnie Forry, John Archer, Mary Murphy,
Mary Fitzgerald, Gerald & Roberta Roberts.**
*+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. Amen+*