



# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 ✦ FOURTH 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

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Order of Mass: pg.7

Hymns: see hymn board

Reading and Prayers: pg.166

Preface II of Lent: SPIRITUAL PENANCE, pg.70

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donations*

#### 2/3 March 2024

Envelopes £ 342.10

Loose £ 375.02

**Total £ 717.12**

**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](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

**Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to April 2025:** Will be available for collection from weekend 16/17 March.

If you wish to support your parish by **Weekly Donation Envelopes or Standing Order**, please complete Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order (Blue) Form available in the Church Porch & drop it into the Rectory letter box or contact the Parish Office: [sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk) or 01932783507

### Cake and Savouries sale THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES.

there will be lots of delicious home-made cakes, biscuits and savouries, including some vegan and dairy free goodies. If you have baked a cake or some smaller cakes please hand them to one of the Team (you can't miss us) before or after Mass. All proceeds will go to the Surrey North Branch of Cruse, the largest National Bereavement Support Charity in the UK. Grief can be devastating and your donation will help people who are struggling with grief to get the support they need when someone dies. Thank you.

**Stations of the Cross** on Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm at St Michael's Catholic Church, Ashford.



### HOLY WEEK 2024

**Ministers of Word & Stewards:** Please sign the sheet that will be available in the Church Porch for the Triduum from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please opt for one service, allowing other ministers a chance to serve.

**Easter Flower Collection:** Next weekend 16/17 March after all Masses.

**Penitential Liturgy:** on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm to 8pm with visiting priests.

### 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.

**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.

**Repository:** The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend.

## 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 & 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.

## 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)

## EVENTS

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

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** Please use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://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.



**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024:** If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. 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



**Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for **Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat** at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 4:30pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**St Joseph's Pastoral Centre needs you!** Volunteer Catechists are urgently needed to work with & accompany individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Is this your charism? For further information about the training available, contact Paul Christian [paulchristian@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:paulchristian@rcdow.org.uk)

## FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Sunday, "Laetare Sunday" as it is usually called, marks the official half way point of our Laetare journey. The word "Laetare" means "rejoice" because today we remember that while our journey from sin to new life in Christ can often be sorrowful, it is all pointing towards the joy of redemption.

During Lent we rightly hear a lot about the need for sorrow for our sins. This is not about morbidly fixating on our past failures but about examining our consciences to make sure we see when we have failed and recognising the need for justice. On the cross we see revealed the true reality of what sin is in the sight of God. His perfection when confronted with evil.

But this is where we bring in the "rejoice". While we know that we have sinned, and that we rightly weep both for those sins and the sins of the world, Christ has not come to condemn the world but to save it. The cross reveals the horror of sin to us, but it is inextricably linked to the resurrection. The resurrection, which is the complete revelation of the heart of God Himself, beyond His justice or even our conception of what perfection would mean: the mystery of His loving mercy.

## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

**Nicholas Wells, Winnie Forry, John Archer, Mary Murphy, Mary Fitzgerald, Gerald & Roberta Roberts, Brendan Naylor.**

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