ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

6TH April 2025 ✠ Fifth 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 C*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board76
Reading and Prayers: pg.176
Preface II of Lent: SPIRITUAL PENANCE, pg.70

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

29/30 March 2025

Envelopes	£ 313.51
Loose	£ 447.19
Total	**£ 760.70**

Standing Orders & Contactless:
February 2025: £2,525 & Contactless: £331.62
March 2025: £2,725 & Contactless: £572.01

Church Cleaning TEAM 4: Umelia and Juvenile Joao (Saturday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays.

PARISH NOTICES

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: Weekly Donation Envelopes starting from 6th April 2025-2026 are available for collection from the Parish Office during weekdays.

Please use the new (sand coloured) envelopes from 6th April'25.

Kindly recycle all old envelopes after Sunday, 30th March. If you wish to support your parish by Weekly Donation Envelopes or Standing Order, please complete *Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order Form* available in the Church Porch. Please drop the completed & signed form into letterbox or scan the QR code to donate now.

If you wish to **cancel** your box of envelopes, please contact or email the Parish office ASAP - *sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk*

Contactless in our Parish: The parish is delighted to announce that we now have a contactless card machine to make supporting our parish easier. It is in the porch to the right as you enter. Contactless payments are *touch-free* with no need to type in your pin or hand over your card. Simply select the set sum of amounts that you might like to give or by tapping 'Other' you can enter the amount that you wish to give. Then touch your card, smart phone or smart watch to the reader, listen for the beep, and your payment is done. If you would prefer to use your pin, you can also insert your card into the payment device and enter your pin to make a payment. If you are registered for Gift Aid, please use the same card that is registered for your Gift Aid donations. Donations made via the contactless giving device will go straight to the Parish account as **OFFERTORY COLLECTION.**

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's the APRIL 100 club draw TODAY! Please feel free to pop round to the Manning Room after 9.30am Mass to watch the fun of the draw! Renewal time of year is fast approaching, please keep an eye on your mailbox for your reminder. Please and Thank you Helen & Marek

HOLY WEEK 2025

Ministers of Word & Eucharist: Please sign the sheet available in the Church Porch for the Triduum & Easter 2025. Please opt for one service, allowing other ministers a chance to serve.

Altar Servers: Please sign up for the liturgies you will be present for on the sheet in the Sacristy.

Confessions with visiting priest: on Saturday 12th April, 10:30am to 12noon in the Church.

Easter Flower Collection: Next weekend 12/13 April after all Masses.

Good Friday: Day of fast and Abstinence. There will be a retiring Collection for the *Holy Places.*

Stations & Veneration of the Cross for Children on Good Friday morning at 10am, in the Church aimed at children in key stage 1 and below.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday, 19th April, at 10am in the church.

REGULAR NOTICES

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.

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

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

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 2025: 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

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025: Please place your donation/envelopes in the collection basket available in the Church porch this weekend 5th/6th April 2025 or please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London.
The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date 28th April 2025.

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, SW1P 1QJ
Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I wish to speak with you today about the process in which our Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. As I have made clear earlier in this debate, as Catholics we have maintained a principled objection to this change in law recognising that every human life is sacred, coming as a gift of God and bearing a God-given dignity. We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this Bill in principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations.
The passage of the Bill through Parliament will lead to a vote in late April on whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment and I, together with all the Bishops of England and Wales, am writing to ask your support in urging your MP to vote against this Bill at that time.
There are serious reasons for doing so. At this point, we wish not simply to restate our objections in principle, but to emphasise the deeply flawed process undergone in Parliament thus far. We wish to remind you that it is a fundamental duty of every MP to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised and which will bring about damaging consequences.
The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, within the health service. Yet there has been no Royal Commission or independent inquiry ahead of its presentation. It is a Private Member's Bill. The Bill itself is long and complex and was published just days before MPs voted on it, giving them inadequate time to consult or reflect upon it. The time for debate was minimal. The Committee examining the Bill took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, and it comprises an undue number of supporters of the Bill. In short, this is no way to legislate on such an important and morally complex issue. One consequence of this flawed process is that many vital questions remain unanswered. Can MPs guarantee that the scope of the Bill will not be extended? In almost every country where assisted suicide has been introduced the current scope is wider than was originally intended. What role, if any, will the judiciary have in the process? We were told that judicial oversight was a necessary and vital part of the process; now we are told it isn't needed at all. What will protect the vulnerable from coercion, or from feeling a burden on the family? Can the National Health Service cope with assisted suicide or will it, as the Health Secretary has warned, cause cuts elsewhere in the NHS? Can MPs guarantee that no medical practitioner or care worker would be compelled to take part in assisted suicide? Would this mean the establishment of a 'national death service'? In contrast to the provisions of this Bill, what is needed is first-class, compassionate palliative care at the end of our lives. This is already provided to many in our society but, tragically, is in short supply and underfunded. No one should be dispatched as a burden to others. Instead, a good society would prioritise care for the elderly, the vulnerable, and the weak. The lives of our families are richer for cherishing their presence.
It is a sad reflection on Parliament's priorities that the House of Commons spent far more time debating the ban on fox hunting than it is spending on debating bringing in assisted suicide.
I am sure that you will share these concerns. It is now clear that this measure is being rushed without proper scrutiny and without fundamental questions surrounding safeguards being answered. This is a deeply flawed Bill with untold unintended consequences.
Every MP, and Government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation from reaching the statute book. This, tragically, is what may happen. So, I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner.
In his Letter to the Philippians, which we heard in the Second Reading, St Paul reflects on the difficulties and responsibilities of life. He speaks of 'pressing on' and 'striving' for the fullness of life promised in Christ Jesus. Yet he is totally confident in his struggles because, as he says, 'Christ Jesus has made me his own'.
We too have many struggles. We too know that Christ Jesus has made us his own. So, we too press on with this struggle, so important in our times.
May God bless you all.
Yours devotedly,

+ Vincent Nichols

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Alan Robertson, Leonie Andrews, Margaret Tuck, James (Jim) Webb, William Ogle, Richard Chapman
+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen+