# ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# N E W S L E T T E R

4th May 2025 ✠ Third Sunday of Easter

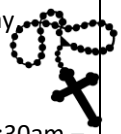
## MASS TIMES

**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:** In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. All are welcome.



**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*

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## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your generous donation*

**26/27 April 2025**

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| Envelopes | £ 177.15 |
| Loose | £ 416.36 |
| **Total** | **£ 593.51** |

**Church Cleaning TEAM 1:** A & C Roberts (Thursday)

## PARISH NOTICES

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH:** The Weekly Donation Envelopes 2025-2026 are available for collection from the Parish Office during weekdays or please see Fr Christian after Mass. *Kindly recycle all old envelopes.* 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** is in the porch to the right as you enter. Contactless payments are *touch-free*. Simply select the set sum of amounts or by tapping 'Other' you can enter the amount that you wish to give. 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.**

**Pre-Conclave Mass of the Holy Spirit: Tuesday 6th May, 5.30pm, Cathedral:** There will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated in Westminster Cathedral to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals gathered in Rome before the Conclave starts on Wednesday. The principal celebrant of this Mass will be His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. All are welcome to attend.

**Repository**: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. Items to mark and celebrate First Communions and Conformations are now available.

**Older children's First Holy Communion:** The session will take place on Saturday, 10th May at 9:30am in the Manning Room.

**The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG**: A group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 10th - 11th May to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be appreciated.

**It's a really exciting time for the St Ignatius 100 Club!** The end of year draw will take place on Sunday 11th May after the 9.30am Mass, when we empty the account for the year. Extra prizes will be paid out and there will be a donation of over £1000 to the Church. Look out in your inbox for your renewal reminder and for those of you not on line we will be around before and after Masses, don't worry if you miss us we will pop your reminder through your door. New Members welcome!

## 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.

**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.

**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.

## 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.

**First Holy Communion 2025**: Mass Attendance cards

1. The child should be present with his/her Attendance card.
2. Please make sure the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case the Attendance card is lost.
3. Please DO NOT forget to bring your Childs Attendance card to Mass every weekend.
4. Stickers are issued before Mass and will not be issued for a missed Sunday.

## EVENTS

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

**A Service of Healing and Hope:** On Saturday 10th May at 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will lead a Service of Healing and Hope at Westminster Cathedral. This is an open service to which all are welcome as a sign of solidarity, care and hope for those who have been impacted by abuse, as well as those who work with or support them. A poster is attached.

**Mass for New Catholics**: The Cardinal invites you to a Mass for new Catholics recently baptised or received into the Catholic Church Saturday 10th May, 6pm at Westminster Cathedral. There will be a talk and gathering for new Catholics and their guests from 4pm-5.30pm in Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, Westminster, SW1P 1QN. RSVP by email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 7798 9152.

**Priest Training Fund:** Next Sunday is the Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place on the **weekend 17/18 May**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**A Day with Mary** is taking place at Our Lady of Walsingham National Shrine of England on Sunday 18th May (12.10pm to 6.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by Chief Celebrant & Preacher Fr Linus Clovis. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 20th - 22nd June 2025 Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

## FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In today's Gospel, we find the apostles disoriented, wearied, and withdrawn. The Lord has risen, yes, but they are still stunned, perhaps unable to take it in. They return to fishing, not out of hope, but out of habit. When we do not know what else to do, we often retreat into the familiar.

This scene, however, is not simply about catching fish. It is about coming to terms with the Resurrection. The apostles fish all night and catch nothing. This is no accident. In St John's Gospel, darkness is always the hour of confusion, and it is at dawn, when the light returns, that Christ appears on the shore. His presence brings clarity, purpose, renewal. The net, once empty, overflows.

It is the beloved disciple who first recognises Him: "It is the Lord." And then Peter, always the first to act, throws himself into the water to reach Him. It is an act not only of love, but of longing—a longing to be restored.

There, on the shore, by a charcoal fire, Christ turns to Peter, not to shame him, but to heal him. He does not ignore Peter's threefold denial, but neither does He reproach him. Instead, in His divine tenderness, He gives Peter three chances to profess his love. "Do you love me?" With each response, Peter is not only forgiven but entrusted: "Feed my sheep." Christ undoes the wound by grace.

This is the mercy of God: He restores us by drawing us into deeper love and greater responsibility.

This week, as the cardinals of the Church gather in conclave to elect the successor of St Peter, we are reminded that the call to "feed my sheep" did not end on the shores of Galilee. It is lived now, in the Church, through the Petrine ministry, handed on in unbroken line across the centuries. By next Sunday, we may have a new Holy Father. Let us pray that he, like Peter, will be a man formed by grace, humbled by mercy, and courageous in shepherding the flock.

And let us pray also for ourselves. All of us have our wounds, our denials, our hidden griefs. At times we, too, return to the boat, to the distraction of busyness, to the comfort of what is familiar, because facing our failure feels too heavy.

But it is there, precisely in our weariness and confusion, that Christ stands on the shore, quietly waiting. He prepares the fire, offers us breakfast, and asks gently, "Do you love me?"

Let us have the courage to say yes. Let us allow Him to heal us. For His question is not to condemn, but to restore, and His call is not only for Peter, or for a pope, but for each one of us: "Follow me."

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
**Leonie Andrews, Margaret Tuck, James (Jim) Webb, William Ogle, Richard Chapman**

**FUNERAL**

**Eileen Sargent – Monday 12th May, 12:30am**

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