ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

25TH May 2025 ✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES

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

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

Bank Holiday - **Monday 26th May, Mass at 9:30am.**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday 29th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. There will be Mass at 9:30am and 7:30pm.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Church is closed after Mass on Monday. 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*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board76
Reading and Prayers: pg.267
Preface I of Easter: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY, pg.74

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

17/18 May 2025

Envelopes	£ 300.40
Loose	£ 382.91
Total	**£ 683.31**

Standing Orders & Contactless:
April 2025: £3,118 & Contactless: £633.58

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

Please note, Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Tuesdays.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion Rehearsals: The rehearsal for our first First Holy Communion Mass will be on Friday 30th May, 4:30pm in the church. Only children who are receiving their Communion on Sunday 1st June should attend.

First Holy Communion Mass: First Holy Communions will be received at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, 1st June. All parishioners are welcome to attend if they wish. Some pews will, however, be reserved for the children's families.

Priest Training Fund – Thank you: Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend, we have raised **£421.30**. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

A thank you message from The Bethlehem Nativity Group TBNG - Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always. We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families which raised **£2,783.** Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk. God bless you all. Love and blessings.

Ministers of the Word – Rota Update: The *amended* rota is now available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - *Parish Groups*. Readers for the *Saturday 6pm Mass*, please make a note the changes.

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 (GREEN).* 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.**

Save the Date! Family Fun Day & Picnic – Sunday, 6th July. Further details to follow – stay tuned!

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.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 6th June – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips in the Manning Room. Please place your food order by Wednesday 4th June to Dan Robinson (07535 958 924).

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/

The Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be in the Polish Church, 48 Pitts Road, Slough SL1 3XH from Sunday 25 May at 6pm opening Parish Mass to Sunday 1st June departure after the Parish Mass at 12noon. All Welcome to celebrate with us "25 Years of Ministry". Please call Millie on 07957594646 for daily celebrations.

Annual Eucharistic Octave and Central London Corpus Christi Procession: The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 14th - 22nd June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the Quarant'Ore devotions. Full details can be found at catholiclondon.org. The Octave concludes on Sunday 22nd June at 11am with Mass celebrated by the Abbot of Farnborough, followed by the annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London. Please see the posters in the Church porch.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Caritas Bakhita House: On Monday 30th June, 5.30pm Westminster Cathedral led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols to mark the 10-year anniversary of the opening of Caritas Bakhita House, our safe house supporting women escaping trafficking and exploitation.

Diocesan Jubilee Year pilgrimage at St Edmund's College, Ware (SG11 1DS) will take place on Saturday 12th July, Solemn Mass will be celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols at 12noon. Pilgrims are invited to arrive and gather at 11am. Confessions will be available. Contact: 020 7798 9173 There is ample parking. Please scan the QR code for more information or visit https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/

Emmaus Jubilee Youth Festival, 2-3 August 2025 at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people unable to travel to and coinciding with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, the festival will offer a transformative encounter with Christ and the opportunity to meet other young people on their journey of faith. Organised by SPEC Retreat Centre of Westminster Youth Ministry, the festival will feature: live Praise & Worship, interactive workshops, Eucharistic Adoration and closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. For more information and registration please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you." (John 14:27)

As Eastertide begins to draw toward its conclusion, the Church turns her gaze towards the Ascension. Christ will soon return to the Father—but not in absence, and not in abandonment. In today's Gospel, taken from His words at the Last Supper, we are given a promise that endures beyond the visible presence of the risen Christ: *"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you."*

This is not the fragile or conditional peace the world offers, born of comfort or convenience. It is a peace that flows from the heart of the risen Lord, a peace that can withstand suffering, uncertainty, and even death. It is the peace that held the martyrs firm. It is the peace that steadies the Christian soul through trial. It is the peace that comes not from closing our eyes to reality, but from seeing that Christ has already overcome it.

In this same discourse, Christ also promises the Holy Spirit, who will teach and remind, console and strengthen. The Lord prepares His disciples not only for His departure but for their mission, one which continues in us. The world still needs the light of Christ. It still needs that unshakable peace. And we are now the ones who must carry it, live it, and offer it to others.

Let us take this Sunday to pray for the grace to receive that peace anew. If there is anxiety in our hearts, if there is bitterness or fear. Let us surrender it to the One who said, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."* And let us prepare ourselves for the coming feast of the Ascension, not with sadness, but with expectation. The Lord has not left us. He goes before us to the Father, so that where He is, we may one day be also.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Let us take those words to heart.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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