ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

15TH JUNE 2025 ✠ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASS TIMES

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

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

No Mass on Tuesday 17th June & Thursday 19th June. The church will be closed.

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

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. 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 board
Reading and Prayers: pg. 81
Preface: THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, pg.64

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

Figures will be provided next week

Church Cleaning TEAM 7: Mr and Mrs Kennedy (Saturday)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Corpus Christi Procession: The parish will have a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 22nd June at 3pm. It will be within the church, and will probably take about half an hour. This should be a wonderful way for the parish to express its love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The First Holy Communion children both the younger and the older group will join the procession as a joint thanksgiving.

Confirmation Rehearsal: All those to be confirmed on Tuesday should attend a rehearsal to be held on Friday 20th June at 5pm. The confirmandi should have their chosen confirmation name ready for that day. Sponsors are encouraged to come if they can.

Parish Confirmations: The parish confirmations for our young people will be held on Tuesday, 24th June at 6pm. The sacrament will be celebrated by The Right Reverend James Curry, Titular Bishop of Ramsbury and Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Please pray for our young people as they receive the sacramental gift of the Holy Spirit.

St Ignatius 100 Club: The first 100 Club draw will be made on Sunday 22nd June so please make your payments and renewals by 20th June at the very latest! It's looking like another bumper year for the 100 Club so thanks to all our members for your support.

Parish Picnic and Family Fun Day: Sunday 6th July, after 11:30 Mass - all welcome! Various children's activities. Bring your own picnic, picnic rug or picnic chairs. Drinks and cakes available for a small donation. If you could lend a hand on the day, setting up, tidying up or helping to run an activity, please contact Mary on 07737899487 or mary.soane@yahoo.co.uk

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.**

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 4th July – 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 2nd July to Dan Robinson (07535 958 924).

Ministers of the Word – Rota Update: The *amended* rota is 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.

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

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

Tour of Westminster Cathedral: A visit hosted by Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group on Wednesday 18th June at 2pm. Please meet inside at the entrance. All are welcome.

Deanery Day for Readers – St Francis De Sales, Hampton Hill - Saturday 5th July, 2025 - 10.30am to 3pm. There will be a Deanery Day for Readers on Saturday 5th July 2025, from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm, in the Parish Hall of St Francis de Sales, Hampton Hill. The day will be led by Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP and is open to all who exercise the ministry of Reader in the parishes of the Deanery. Please bring a packed lunch. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

Jubilee Day for Catechists with Cardinal Vincent Nichols: All catechists from parishes in West London and Spelthorne are invited to a Jubilee Day for Catechists with Cardinal Vincent and the Agency for Evangelisation on Saturday 19th July on the theme of "Reawakening Blessed Hope". The day will run from 10am to 4pm in St Gregory the Great parish, South Ruislip, HA4 0EG. Please scan the QR code for more information. The day is free to attend but catechists are asked to bring a packed lunch with them on the day. To book a place, please email your parish office by *Monday 30th June*.



Father's Day Prayer - *Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Fatherhood - a gift – *A short reflection by Deacon Roger Carr-Jones, Diocese of Westminster. Please scan the QR code.*

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In past centuries it was common for priests to refrain from preaching on Trinity Sunday since the subject can be very tricky! The mystery of the Trinity is, however, absolutely central to our faith. It is something to be celebrated, not downplayed. As St John Henry Newman wrote, put simply: "firmly I believe, and truly, God is Three and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son."

To flesh that out a little, through His public ministry, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God has revealed to us something about Himself which we could not have discovered by reason alone and which we, being finite creatures before the infinite majesty of God, could never fully understand: that He is One God, indivisible, yet also abiding in Three Persons. These Persons are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

How is this so? As a mystery of the faith the Trinity is above human reasoning but we can perhaps approach understanding the matter if we look within ourselves. Each of us is, without doubt, one. Yet we do have multiplicity within us. We all have memory, understanding and will. Our memory is not our understanding, or our will yet it is us, just as our will is not our understanding or memory yet is also still us. We are our memory, our understanding and our will yet these things are not each other. In the same way God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet these three Persons are not each other.

Another way to see this is as the great St Augustine did. His vision of the Trinity does something more as well, it perhaps gives us some insight into how we, the beloved children of God, are caught up in the mystery of the Trinity. St Augustine compares the Trinity to our self-understanding and love. We are, we have our own idea of ourself and we have our own self-love. These three remain within us, they are all part of us as one creature, yet they are not each other. Similarly, God the Father has existed from all eternity yet, co-eternal with that existence is the Father's self-image: "the image of the invisible God" (as St Paul says). This image is God the Son, He who became man and walked by galilee. Between the Father and the Son there is a third element: the love "breathed", as it were, between them. This love we call the Holy Spirit.

So how does St Augustine say we are drawn into this vision? We are called into Christ. Also, in our baptism, and throughout our lives as Christians, we have been drawn into that love which passes between the Father and the Son. Enveloped in Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is why Christians have something far more powerful than mere eternal joy in heaven. Rather, we are drawn up into God Himself. We dwell within God, in a sense, we become participators in God. This surpasses all we might image God would wish for us, and this is possible because God is Three and God is One.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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