ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

22ND June 2025 ✠ The Body and Blood of Christ

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am.

Friday 27th June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Mass at 9:30am *(No 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.

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. 83
Preface: THE FRUITS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST, pg.65

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

7/8 June 2025

Envelopes	£ 204.30
Loose	£ 644.59
Total	**£ 848.89**

14/15 June 2025

Envelopes	£ 224.50
Loose	£ 502.40
Total	**£ 726.90**

Standing Orders & Contactless:
May 2025: £2,563 & Contactless: £481.82

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: M Leslie (Friday)

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

PARISH NOTICES

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.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 22nd June at 3pm

The parish will have a Corpus Christi Procession 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 will also join the procession as a joint thanksgiving.

First Holy Communion Certificates will be available for collection after the Corpus Christi Procession.

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's the first draw of our new 100 Club year TODAY! It will take place in the Manning Room after Mass and there will be cake! Good Luck to all our members and our new ones too! Thanks for your continued support, Helen & Marek

HCPT Information Evening: Our parish HCPT group, which takes children & young people with difficulties, disabilities & special needs, on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, was unable to travel in 2025. We are in the early stages of planning the Easter 2026 pilgrimage and would like to share details with you about how the charity works. We are holding an information evening on Wednesday 2nd July, 7:00pm, in the Manning Room. Please come along if you would like to know more about this charity, whether you are thinking of joining, know a child or young person who would benefit or are just curious about what we do. Tea & cake will be served! Contact Mary on 07737899487.

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/

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*.

Emmaus Jubilee Youth Festival, 2-3 August 2025 at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people, organised by SPEC, Westminster Youth Ministry, the festival will feature: live Praise & Worship, interactive workshops, Eucharistic Adoration and closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Please scan the QR code for info.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today marks the great Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, more usually known by its Latin name "Corpus Christi." Of all the comforts and supports which God has granted to us during our earthly pilgrimage, we can have little doubt that the greatest is the Sacrifice of the Mass. In this greatest of the sacraments we are not only made present at the foot of the cross, made fresh witnesses of the sacrifice of God's own Son for us, we are also invited into a union with the divine quite beyond the simply spiritual. By the miracle called, in the Church's technical language, transubstantiation, the substance of bread and wine is entirely transformed into that of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, only the outward appearance of bread and wine remaining.

How do we know that this extraordinary and breathtaking teaching is what Our Lord intended? The Church's unbroken tradition from the apostles themselves and the words of scripture are clear: Our Lord took bread and said "this is my body" and, similarly, wine, and said "this is my blood." He did not say "this is a symbol of my body" or "we are play-acting that this is my body." He said "is" quite explicitly. Indeed, in another place (John, Chapter 6), Christ is even clearer: He takes great pains to emphasise that He wanted His disciples to eat His flesh and drink His blood. When some do not accept this, and even a good number of His disciples leave Him, He does not cry after them "no! no! I only meant that as a metaphor, I was only speaking symbolically." He is sad, but He lets them go. Such was the importance of this teaching to Our Lord Himself.

Why is it so important? It is often said that "you are what you eat," and this phrase is particularly appropriate of Holy Communion. Our Lord is very direct with us about what this means: "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you will not have life in you" (John 6:53). This, like so many of the mysteries of our faith, is about becoming one with the Godhead. Christ is in God and God is in Christ, so if we are in Christ, we are in God. We are drawn into Christ at our baptism, but it is in Holy Communion that the fullness of intimate communion with Christ is achieved.

A full appreciation for this greatest gift of God is vital for true spiritual growth. This is why we do all those things which help us to recognise the reality of what Holy Communion is. We call the host "the Blessed Sacrament"; we honour Him with beautiful churches, sacred vessels of silver and gold, candles, incense, music. All of these things speak to us of the glory and beauty of God, of the things of heaven. As things which can be seen, they help us enter into the reality of things which remain unseen.

May we always grow in our love and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, and receive Him with grateful and faithful hearts.

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+