ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

29TH June 2025 ✠ Saints Peter and Paul

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.

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: Vigil Mass pg. 177, Day Mass pg. 180
Preface: THE TWOFOLD MISSION OF PETER & PAUL IN THE CHURCH pg.69

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

21/22 June 2025

Envelopes	£ 150.22
Loose	£ 383.97
Total	**£ 534.19**

Standing Orders & Contactless

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

Church Cleaning TEAM 2: J O'Connell & J Sellings (Wednesday)

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

PARISH NOTICES

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend.

First Holy Communion: Fr Christian and the parish would like to extend a thank you to everyone who made the First Holy Communion joint celebration a wonderful success. I am glad we made it a fantastic event which the children will remember for decades to come. Parents, if you were unable to collect your child's FHC certificate at the joint celebrations, please do so from the parish office.

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Parish Schools: St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic College (Secondary) are this parish's two Catholic Schools, though some parishioners have children at Catholic secondary schools outside the parish bounds. Both are thriving schools. All Catholics are encouraged to have their children educated in a Catholic context.

Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Catholic Schools

Important Information for Parents:

1) School Admissions Guidance: Before booking an appointment for the CCP, parents are requested to contact the relevant school office to understand the admissions process. Further information can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions

2) Booking an Appointment with the Priest: CCP signing will be done by appointment only via our online booking system**,** available on the Parish website**.** Appointment periods are as follows:

- Secondary Transfer (Year 7): September – October
- Reception Admissions: November – January
- Nursery Admissions: February – April

3) Parish Newsletter: Please continue to check the Parish Newsletter regularly for updates and the release of appointment slots.

4) For Admissions to Year Groups (Years 1 to 6): Please email the Parish Office directly to request an appointment: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

EVENTS

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

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*.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This past week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This great feast of the Church particularly concentrates on the central reality of Our Lord's incarnation: the embodiment of the love of God within a human heart. His heart is like ours in all things but sin, yet above that. It burns with a love beyond all that we could comprehend. Love is the beginning and end of all things in our faith, and, indeed, it is the beginning and end of all things as a whole. After all, the God who is "alpha and omega, the beginning and the end" is also simply defined by St John with the words "God is love."

But what is love? Love is a vast, multifaceted phenomenon which ranges from our love for our parents, our love for our friends, our love for strangers and the love with feel for a fiancé or spouse. What unites them all is that, in every case, love means a deep-seated desire for the good of the other.

This is, however, no mere "wishing someone well." No, love is passionate, it is a fire which spurs us on. When we see injustice done to our beloved can, and should, feel a burning thirst for justice. When we see our beloved suffer can, and should wish to move heaven and earth to save them.

None of this, however, means that love need be meek and mild. If a mother were to see her toddler putting his hand into an electrical socket she would naturally cry out and bat the child's hand away from danger. Maybe the child cries, and is frustrated, but the mother knows her duty as a loving parent. This is true for our love of all people: it does not mean we should be weak in the face of error or of people hurting themselves and their souls. We are called to challenge, sometimes, out of love.

Nevertheless, it is important that our love be apparent. Sometimes this is difficult, but when someone knows you love them and care about them they will be much more likely to listen and respond to us. They are more likely to see our help for them as something more than condescension. They may ask "what is this love? Why does this person care about me?" It is there that people begin to see the love of Jesus Christ shining through.

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+