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NEWSLETTER

6TH JULY 2025 ✠ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

28/29 June 2025

Envelopes	£ 228.10
Loose	£ 333.84
Total	**£ 561.94**

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos & N Dunu (Saturday)

Parish Picnic and Family Fun Day

Free Parish event

Fun • Tea & Coffee • Face Painting • Games • Activities
Bring your own picnic, picnic rug, or picnic chairs
Drinks and cakes available for a small donation

Date: THIS SUNDAY, 6th July 2025
Time: After 11:30am Mass
Location: Loyola Centre and Garden

Come along for a fun-filled day for the whole family! Enjoy games, treats, and time together in the sunshine.
All are welcome!

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

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.

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.

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.**

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: Parents, if you were unable to collect your child's FHC certificate at the joint celebrations, please do so from the parish office or after weekend Masses from Fr Christian.

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

London Catholic Social Group have a number of upcoming events for Catholic adults over 30. Saturday 12th July - Monthly Social at the One Tun pub, Goodge Street. Sunday 20th July, from 12, Mass, Italian Street Fête and Procession of Our Lady of Saint Carmel in Clerkenwell. Saturday 26th July, day trip to Waddesdon Manor. Sunday 3rd August, picnic in Regent's Park. Contact us on: WhatsApp Brendan 07425549408, Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group' or londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In this Sunday's Gospel, Our Lord sends out seventy-two disciples, two by two, to prepare the towns and villages for His coming. They are to bring peace, heal the sick, and proclaim that the kingdom of God is near. It is a moment of trust and of mission. They go without money or provisions, relying instead on the welcome of others and the power of the word they bear.

St Augustine reflects that Christ sends them in pairs because the Gospel is never a solitary task. It is always shared. The disciples represent the Church: humble, poor in spirit, bound together in love, yet entrusted with a message that changes the world.

When the seventy-two return, they are filled with joy: "Even the devils submit to us in your name!" But Our Lord, while acknowledging their power, gently redirects their focus: "Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven." In other words, do not build your joy on success or influence, but on your belonging to God. Our deepest joy is not in what we do, but in who we are in Christ: loved, redeemed, and called to eternal life.

That, ultimately, is the heart of the Christian life. We are not here to puff ourselves up, but to be united to Christ, and in Him, to be drawn into the love of the Father. We may not cast out demons or travel far and wide in His name, though perhaps some of our younger parishioners will be called to that, yet we can live faithfully. We can bring peace. We can witness to Christ in the ordinary rhythm of our lives. We can do so with the quiet, enduring joy that comes from knowing our names are written in heaven.

Let us pray this Sunday for the grace to live that truth with humility and confidence. That we may not be distracted by the passing measures of success, but rejoice instead in the mercy of God, who knows us, loves us, and prepares for us a place with Him.

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+