ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

13TH JULY 2025 ✠ FIFTEENTH 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*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board
Reading and Prayers: pg. 108
Preface VII: SALVATION THROUGH THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST pg.67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

5/6 July 2025

Envelopes	£ 201.79
Loose	£ 425.24
Total	**£ 627.03**

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

Weekday Masses: Please note that there will be no weekday Masses during the following periods and the Church will be closed:
Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July 2025
Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August 2025

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's the July 100 Club draw TODAY! Come and join us in the Manning Room for the fun of the draw and Cuppa and a slice of homemade cake...how can you resist? Good Luck to all our members.

Sea Sunday – 13th July: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in our daily lives, often working in challenging and hazardous conditions. Today is Sea Sunday, a time when the Church prays for all who live and work at sea. Your support can make a real difference to those in need. You can donate: In church, Online at www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, By texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5 or Scan the QR code. This collection is essential for Stella Maris to continue its vital work. Please give generously. Thank you.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 1st August – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Manning Room, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 30th July to Dan Robinson (07535 958 924).

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/

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.

St Francis Leprosy Guild - working for a world without leprosy: Founded in 1895, St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Today, with HE, Vincent, Cardinal Nichols as our patron, SFLG supports work in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We aim to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent life changing disabilities occurring. The Catholic community can help end leprosy in our lifetime

To make a donation or learn more about St Francis Leprosy Guild, please visit our website www.stfrancisleprosy.org or contact us at parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org if you would like to discuss ways of supporting our work.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In this great Christological hymn from St Paul's letter to the Colossians, we are drawn into a majestic vision of Christ's eternal and cosmic glory. He is, as the Apostle writes, "the image of the unseen God," the one in whom "all things were created," the one who "holds all things in unity," and the one by whose death on the Cross, "peace" has been made and "all things" reconciled.

St Irenaeus of Lyons reflects on this passage with profound clarity. Against the Gnostic claim that Christ was merely one emanation among many, Irenaeus insists: "The invisible is become visible, the incomprehensible intelligible, and the impassible passible" in Jesus Christ. That is, in Christ we do not merely glimpse God—we meet Him. Christ is not only the revealer of God's nature; He is God made flesh. He is the very blueprint, the archetype, of all creation, the one in whom all things find their origin and their final purpose.

St Athanasius likewise writes that in the Incarnation, the Word enters into His creation, not as a stranger, but as its maker: "It was fitting that the Word, by whom all things were made, should be the one by whom all things are renewed." In other words, the Redeemer and the Creator are one and the same. He who fashioned the stars and gave shape to the heavens has also come to heal and reconcile the world, by the wood of the Cross.

The Fathers are equally clear in recognising the Church's place in this great mystery. For St Augustine, the Church is not a mere institution or association, but the "totus Christus", the whole Christ, head and body. As St Paul says here, Christ "is the head of the body, the Church." To be baptised into Christ is not merely to follow Him, but to be joined to Him, truly and mystically, as a body to its head. From Him we receive life, and through Him we are drawn into unity with the Father.

This passage is therefore not simply abstract theology. It is a window into the truth of who Christ is, and who we are in Him. He is before all things, above all things, and in Him all things hold together. In a world so often fractured and disoriented, this is the great Christian confidence: that Christ reigns, that Christ restores, and that in Him, all things, ourselves included, can be made whole.

Let us look, then, to the Cross, by which this reconciliation was wrought. Let us look to the Church, His Body, where that reconciliation is applied and made present. Let us live as those who know that in Christ, all things visible and invisible find their meaning and their peace.

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+