ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

5th October 2025 ✠ Twenty- Seventh 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.



October - The month of Holy Rosary

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

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

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. 146
Preface II: THE MYSTERY OF SALVATION pg. 66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

27/28 Sept 2025

Envelopes	£ 209.20
Loose	£ 510.69
Total	**£ 719.89**

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

Lavina will not be available on Mondays and Tuesdays. For queries, Parish: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk, Manning Room:sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk. Bookkeeping (Luciana): sunburyonthamesbk@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES

Parking Near the Church: Parishioners are gently reminded to park with care when coming to Sunday Mass. Please ensure the Highway Code is followed at all times, avoiding parking on pavements, blocking entrances, or creating blind spots for traffic. Consideration for neighbours and other road users helps to ensure everyone's safety

HCPT Group 51 – Easter 2026 Pilgrimage: Our local HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) group, which takes children and young people with difficulties, disabilities, and special needs on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, is organising our next pilgrimage for Easter 2026. We still have a few spaces remaining for helpers and children to join us on our pilgrimage/holiday to Lourdes. If you would like to find out more, please contact Mary Soane at group51@hcpt.org.uk or 07737 899487 by 13 October 2025. For more information, visit: https://makeeverydaymiracles.org.uk/

First Holy Communion 2025–26

The course is only for children in Year 3 or Year 4. To register, please visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code. Please take your time to complete all details carefully. Ensure your *child's Baptism Certificate* is emailed to the Parish Office before the deadline: **Tuesday 21st October.**

Please note that the Parents' Introductory Meeting originally scheduled for Friday, 24th October has been moved to **Friday, 7th November** at 6pm due to the half-term break. The *Reconciliation book* will be issued and *payments* will be processed on the same day via the contactless device in the church.

Please do not use any other payment method, as this is important for accounting purposes.

For session dates and further information, please visit the Parish Website. For queries, email: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Confirmation 2025–26: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 will be invited to join the Confirmation course by registering via the Parish Website during the first week of November. Please keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for updates. The programme will begin in January 2026.

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 scan the QR code.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: If you would like to support the parish by **Standing Order**, please complete the Parish Gift Aid & Standing Order Form available in the Church Porch. You can also **donate online** by scanning the QR code. **Contactless Giving**: The device is located in the porch to the right as you enter. Simply select a set amount or tap 'Other' to enter your preferred donation. If you are registered for Gift Aid, please use the same card linked to your Gift Aid. Donations made via the contactless device go directly to the parish account as Offertory Collection. For any queries, email: sunburyonthamesbk@rcdow.org.uk

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact 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.

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Secondary School Transfers

Appointments with Fr. Christian for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) are now closed. Parents who have booked online appointments should follow the guidelines provided on the website under the School section. If you have missed the online appointments, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk. The closing date for on-time applications to secondary schools is 31st October 2025.

EVENTS

CAFOD's Family Fast Day Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection **TODAY** to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they work towards lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers real signs of hope in this Jubilee Year. It helps build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia, where women currently walk for hours each day to collect water. Use the CAFOD envelope available in church, please make cheque payable to 'CAFOD' or Scan the QR code. Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and generosity—especially in these difficult times when so many in our world are suffering.

OCTOBER CANDLELIT PROCESSION at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Sunday 12th October, 7pm. Join the Pilgrims, the Community of Allen Hall Seminary, and the Westminster Vocations Team, and Bishop James Curry at this JUBILEE OF HOPE VOCATIONS EVENT to ask Our Lady's intercession for the gift of Priests for the Church. The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Bakerloo Line & Overground (Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction.

Catholic Leadership Programme – Paid Teaching Internships: The Westminster Diocese Education Department is now in the second year of its Catholic Leadership Programme, supporting young Catholics to explore teaching as a vocation. We are offering paid three-week internships in our schools, with a focus on Religious Education, though other subjects and Primary placements are also available. Bursaries may be offered for those pursuing QTS in RE. For more information and to apply, please scan the QR code. Applications close Sun 30th November.

Red Mission Boxes – Supporting Missio (APF): Our parish supports Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box scheme, helping train future priests and support communities in need. If you have a Red Box, please return your donations using the envelope provided. If you need one or would like a box, contact Vince Grayson via the Parish Office. Direct Debit and legacy giving forms are available in the church porch. Thank you for your support and prayers.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next course date: 17th -19th October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

MARRIAGE HELP - Marriage Care provides a relationship counselling service for couples when life gets tough and it is hard to find a positive solution. www.marriagecare.org.uk Tel: 0800 389 3801.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

On a brief reading the gospel for this Sunday might seem to be firmly telling us to know our place. We are the mere servant's of God and should know our place. This basic reading is not without some value. After all, it is important to occasionally remember that we are all created with a particular nature and within a world ordered in accordance with God's will. When we simply do as we are commanded, by living a good life, we are doing both what we were made to do, and also doing that which will make us truly happy here on earth.

That said, this passage should not be wrenched from its context, the context of our Lord's overall message, and seen in isolation. We are indeed made to serve God by loving Him as we ought and, for His sake, loving our neighbours as ourselves. But our reward, what God has called us to, is very much more than that of a mere servant, it is more than mere earthly happiness (however wonderful that may be).

Our Lord is clear, those who accept Him, accept His love and His mercy, are called to be more than they could ever have expected, to a place higher than that of servants, a place which should not shrink from calling the place of children of God. Our Lord tells us that we are His brothers and sisters, and so we truly are. If we are His brothers and sisters then are we not then also the brothers and sisters of the Son of God? If the Son is our brother, then surely, we are indeed children of God too, by adoption.

What does this mean? A child, unlike even a much-loved servant, is one who's place in the home is guaranteed, and who can fully expect to enjoy, in due time, the rich inheritance of their father. What inheritance is this? Nothing less than the Kingdom of Heaven. Quite beyond and above the fulfilment of any earthly desire we could imagine, by the Kingdom of Heaven we mean that perfect union with the divine nature itself. Drawn up into the circle of love which was within God from all eternity.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
James Webb, William Ogle, Richard Chapman, Eileen Sargent, Derek Hook, Daniel Fitzgerald, Cynthia Souza.

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