ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

12TH October 2025 ✠ Twenty- Eighth 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. 149
Preface III: THE SALVATION OF MAN BY A MAN pg. 66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

4/5 October 2025

Envelopes	£ 270.00
Loose	£ 405.32
Total	**£ 675.32**

Church Cleaning TEAM 4: Umelia and Juvenile Joao (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

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 13th 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 will be held on **Friday, 7th November** at 6pm. 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.

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's the 100 club draw this weekend, come and join us in the Manning Room for the fun of the draw after 9.30am Mass. There's always a cuppa and this week there's a piece of cake! Good luck to all our members!

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. The Repository now accepts card payments.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 17th October – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 15th October to Dan (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 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

If you have missed the online appointments, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk. Kindly follow the guidelines provided on the website under the School section. The closing date for on-time applications to secondary schools is 31st October 2025.

EVENTS

Prisoners' Sunday - 12th October. We will remember Pope Francis and his call to support prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis, and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. To support Pact's important work in the year ahead, please see the poster in the church porch.

World Mission Sunday - Next Sunday 19th October: The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day: Thank you for your kindness, prayers, and generosity. If you would like to donate, please use the CAFOD envelope available in church.

Catholic Leadership Programme – Paid Teaching Internships: The Westminster Diocese Education Department is 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. For more information and to apply, please scan the QR code. Applications close Sun 30th November.

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

Today's readings have something of a preoccupation with the disease of leprosy. Indeed, throughout the scriptures this disease comes up again and again. Why is this?

Leprosy is, of course, a deeply unpleasant illness in both its effects upon the body and the fact that it can be contagious. Because of this, the ancient Hebrew people saw the disease as an excellent allegory for sin. Leprosy and sin are both ugly, deadly and contagious.

When we see this connection, suddenly the allegorical meaning of the miracles described in the scriptures become clear: just as God can miraculously cure leprosy, so he can make cure us of our spiritual leprosy, the spiritual diseases which have infected us, which have hurt us, which make us a danger to others and which will slowly grow within us to disfigure the image of God we bare and render us hideous masses of corruption. Instead, just as Namaan's skin is made like that of a little child, so God can make our souls clear and innocent again, make our soul like that of a little child.

More than this, however. The two stories about leprosy we heard today are not merely allegories, they are also prophetic allegories. First, there is Namaan. Namaan is asked to dip himself in the Jordan, the Greek word for dip here is baptizo. Namaan is literally asked to 'baptise' himself in the Jordan. The river cleanses him of leprosy, the same river in which Our Lord will be baptised in centuries later. The difference being, however, that it was not Christ who was cleansed by the waters but Christ who cleansed them, making them into the tool by which souls themselves would be made pure again, beautiful images of God as they should be, ready for live with God in heaven.

In the second story Christ says to the lepers that they are to go show themselves to the priests, who will declare them clean. The priests of the Old Testament could merely inspect flesh to see if it was still leprous, but this foreshadows the new way of the Church, where Christ will empower his priests to both declare people spiritually clean, but actually make them so, both in baptism and when we confess our sins and are absolved in the Sacrament of Confession.

Finally, it is worth noting that both Namaan, and the Samaritan are not only outcasts because they are lepers, but also because they are foreigners. As Christ Himself says only a few chapters earlier in St Luke's Gospel: "there were many lepers in Israel at the time of Elijah but only Namaan [the foreigner] was cured." Again, in the Gospel the one who gets the best miracle of all from Christ, the forgiveness of his sins, is the foreigner, the Samaritan. This foreshadows the opening up of salvation not only to those who are merely physically descended from Abraham but to all nations when Christ sends out incorporate all peoples into a new, unified humanity, the Church.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
William Ogle, Richard Chapman, Eileen Sargent, Derek Hook, Daniel Fitzgerald, Cynthia Souza, Peter O'Leary, Ted Edgar.

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