ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

19TH October 2025 ✠ Twenty- Ninth 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
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

11/12 October 2025

Envelopes	£ 186.83
Loose	£ 393.32
Total	**£ 580.15**

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays and Tuesdays.
For queries,
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PARISH NOTICES

Sunday 19 October – Today is World Mission Sunday: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, or visit missio.org.

✚ November the month of the Holy Souls ✚

November, the month of the Holy Souls is fast approaching. We will all be thinking about who we would like to include in our prayers this year. Please take a *blue envelope* from the back of church, write your list of deceased friends, relatives and benefactors along with your donation and return it either to Fr Christian or put it through the Rectory's letterbox.

All Masses in November will be said for the souls of those on our November dead list.

Blessing of the graves at Sunbury Cemetery – Saturday 15th November at 2pm.

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.

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.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 14th November – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 12th November to Dan (07535 958 924).

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.

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 2025-26: 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.

EVENTS

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 Sunday 30th November.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generosity and contributions. We have raised £279.60. CAFOD is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the recent CAFOD appeal. Your donations will make a real difference, helping to support communities like Ware's facing poverty, crisis, or injustice around the world.

Icons of Hope: There will be a short series of talks taking place on Monday evenings, 6.30pm – 8.00pm,at Vaughan House, which will invite us to reflect on where we can find blessed hope in our lives. The dates and speakers are as follows:

3rd November, 'Sacred Art', Sr Carolyn Morrison ra, Outreach Chaplain, London Universities

10th November, 'Saints, Blesseds and Pilgrimage', Elizabeth Uwalaka, Diocese of Westminster Pilgrimage Coordinator

24th November, Caroline Hull, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need. Please register attendance beforehand with Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk. Poster displayed in the Church porch.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The central theme for today's readings is very much the importance of petitions in prayer. We can pray in a verity of ways (contemplation, praise, repentance etc.) but petition will always have an important place because it comes so naturally to us. Indeed, from the dawn of time, in every place and among every people, human beings have raise their hearts and minds to the divine to ask for assistance with their difficulties. This is no accident. Human beings are, after all, made for a relationship with God, and so that desire for a relationship with the divine will always naturally arise.

But are we to feel selfish for bringing our needs to the Lord? Would it not be best to always bring other things and never things for oneself. Praying for others is most certainly a high virtue, and to be strongly encouraged, but this does not mean we should forget our needs. Moreover, praying for our needs can have great benefits to us and help us to grow closer to God.

Most basically, our gratitude for graces received will naturally bring us closer to God, but what is more important is that prayer helps us to grow in our dependence on God. We come from an affluent society and Sunbury is not a deprived area overall. This can, if we are not careful, be dangerous to our faith because we can so often think that we are okay without our faith. Perhaps we see going to church as a favour, perhaps we see ourselves as okay without God?

Placing ourselves in the position of a child asking for something from his mother, allowing ourselves to be vulnerable. Humility, in a word. This virtue is what the simple prayer of petition helps to build. Let us never be afraid to ask for help even in the smallest things. We may get a reward far greater than we have asked for!

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

FUNERAL

Peter O'Leary - Friday 24th October, 11:30 am

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