ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

26th October 2025 ✠ Thirtieth 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. 155
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

18/19 October 2025

Envelopes	£ 227.80
Loose	£ 405.13
Total	**£ 632.93**

Standing Orders & Contactless

August 2025: £2,514 & Contactless: £695.11
September 2025: £2,765 & Contactless: £506.48

Church Cleaning TEAM 6: J Rodrigues, C Lobo & A Vadakathara (Wednesday)

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

All Saints Day: Weekend Service on Saturday 1st November at 6pm and on Sunday 2nd November at 9:30am and 11:30am.

All Souls Day: Monday 3rd November, there will be three Requiem Masses for the Holy Souls at 9:30am, 12noon & 7:30pm.

✚ 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:
Thank you to all families who have registered. A confirmation email will be sent by next week.

Please note that the Parents' Introductory Meeting will take place on Friday, 7th November at 6:00 pm in the church. During this meeting, the Reconciliation book will be issued, and payments will be processed 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 details, please visit the Parish Website. For any queries, please contact: 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.

KNIT & NATTER: Knitting is proven as a great way to relax, reduce anxiety and in groups help those who are lonely. So, with that in mind, we are starting a new social group/project to knit or crochet squares to make blankets for a *London Homeless Charity*. We plan to hold a Knit & Natter meeting probably on a *Monday morning from 10am -12noon.*

There will be a meeting for those interested in helping out or taking part on Tuesday 4th November at 10am in the Manning Room. If you can't make the meeting but think you can help in some way please email; helen@helenlaseklondon.com or call 07879 415578. You may be able to donate wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks, knit squares remotely or help out setting up and tidying the Manning Room.
All are welcome and watch this space for our first session which will hopefully be next month.

Red Mission Boxes – Supporting Missio (APF): Our parish supports Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box scheme, if you have taken a registration form, please drop your completed form into the Rectory letterbox. Those who would like to join the Red Box scheme can find forms in the church porch or contact Vince after 6pm Mass or via the parish office. Your support helps the Catholic Church's missionary projects around the world. Thank you for your support and prayers!

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.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. Card payments are now accepted.

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).

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

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your donations. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. If you still wish to donate, please use the Missio envelope at the back of the church. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The story of the tax collector and the pharisee is one of the most strikingly perennial of our Lord's parables. While we may not live in a society where religious observance and outward piety are praised, as in the past, we most certainly do live in a society where signalling that one is "a good guy" or "on the right side" remains central to how we are viewed by the world.

Trying to be a decent person and to do the right thing is, of course, a praiseworthy way to live. The issue here, of course, is the hypocrisy and the pride. Firstly, there is the hypocrisy. We are all imperfect. No one, from Adam till now, and until the end of the world, has been perfect, besides our Lord and our Lady. If we can honestly look at the whole of our lives and only see perfection, then we can know that we are guilty of at least two things: pride and self-deception. This leads us on to the issue of pride. The Pharisee is puffing himself up, looking down on others and congratulating himself because he thinks he is so much better than the tax collector. Notice, however, that he does not pray God. Rather, the text says that he "said this prayer to himself." This, truly, is the giveaway. God is forgotten, the dignity and worth of the other is forgotten.

Today this kind of pride does not necessarily take the form of religious pride (though it very much can). More often, in Britain today, what we should perhaps be aware of is the pride so many can have in being seen to be "on the right side", or "right thinking." It is, indeed, good to recycle and to keep ourselves up-to-date on our equalities training at work, but let us avoid making these things into things to hold over others and to puff ourselves up. Maybe we recycle, but if we think we have zero carbon footprint then we are kidding ourselves. Maybe we are careful to keep ourselves up-to-date on all our equalities training, but that does not make us free from prejudice in our hearts. Nor can it make us holy by itself.

As in our Lord's time, so it is today. What we are expected to do publicly can, and often does, make us better people, but we must always guard against the hypocrisy of making it a mere outward observance which does not change our heart, or an occasion for pride and setting ourselves up over people who fail.

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.

FUNERAL

Ted Edgar - Tuesday 28th October, 11:00 am

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