ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

2ND NOVEMBER 2025 ✠ ALL SAINTS DAY

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm & Sunday 9:30am & 11:30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday: 9:30am, 12noon & 7:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am.

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*

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Hymns: see hymn board
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

25/26 October 2025

Envelopes	£ 227.28
Loose	£ 336.53
Total	**£ 563.81**

Church Cleaning TEAM 7: Mr and Mrs Kennedy (Saturday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays and Tuesdays.
For queries, Parish: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk,
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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.

Confirmation 2025–26: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 will be invited to join the Confirmation course by registering via the Parish Website next weekend 8/9 November. Please keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for updates. The programme will begin in January 2026.

✚ 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 has been sent to all parents. If you have not received it, please contact the parish office directly.

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

St Ignatius 100 Club: It's the November 100 club draw TODAY! Please join us in the Manning Room after 9.30am mass for the fun of the draw

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.

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).

Ministers of the Word Rota: The *next* rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish website - *Parish Groups*.

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

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 November 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). For more information please see the poster in the church porch.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

At Christmas and Easter, and throughout the seasons which the Church gives us before and after these great feasts, we meditate in a particular way on the mysteries of what God has achieved for us in Christ. At Christmas we contemplate the wonder that God, out of love for us, humbled Himself and raised our human nature to something divine in His Incarnation. At Easter we see Him humble Himself still further, taking upon Himself the sufferings of the world on the Cross, and conquering them in His glorious Resurrection.

In November, however, we turn our hearts especially to the fruits of Christ's sacrifice: the gift of eternal life He won for us.

United with Christ, those whom He has saved can never be truly separated from us on earth. Although they have passed through the great veil of death which seems to divide us, they remain one with Christ, just as we are one with Him through baptism. As they were our brothers and sisters in life, so they remain our brothers and sisters in death. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:38–39).

But where are they now? For those who have thrown themselves upon the loving mercy of God—as we must do every day—we trust that His judgement will deliver them from hell and bring them at last to the place He prepared for us from the beginning: heaven.

Those who now live in heaven fought the good fight against sin while on earth, and they still care deeply for their brothers and sisters who continue the struggle here below. These we call the saints. On 1 November we celebrated All Saints, honouring especially the countless saints whose names are known only to God. They may never have been canonised, but they help us just as surely as the famous ones.

The next day, and throughout this month, we remember those who help us and whom we in turn are called to help: the Holy Souls. Most of our departed family, friends, and loved ones were not perfect saints, yet God desires to bring them to heaven too. From her earliest days the Church has understood that those who die in God's grace, but are not yet perfectly purified, must be cleansed before they can behold the radiant face of God. We call this state of purification Purgatory, and those undergoing it we call the Holy Souls. They pray for us, and we pray for them.

We are all one family in Christ, and families help one another—that is what they are for. Let us therefore renew our love for the Holy Souls and storm heaven with our prayers on their behalf, confident that they in turn are praying for us.

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+