ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

9TH November 2025 ✠ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, 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

1/ 2 November 2025

Envelopes	£ 168.69
Loose	£ 410.17
Total	**£ 578.86**

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: M Leslie & L Escalona (Friday)

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation 2025–26: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 are invited to join the Confirmation course signing via the Parish Website or please scan 'QR Code'. Registration will close on 15th December 2025. Please keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for updates. The programme will begin in January 2026.

KNIT & KNATTER are ready to knit one, purl one!! We have our first meeting on Monday 17th November from 10-12 noon and every Monday thereafter *(except Bank Holidays).* Come along whatever level you're at, if you know someone who might be interested please ask them to join us, they will be made very welcome. Wool and needles can be provided and Refreshments will be available.

✚ November the month of the Holy Souls ✚



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Today we pray for the souls of all those from Great Britain, Ireland & the Commonwealth who gave their lives during the great wars of the 20th century. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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: Parents, for session dates and other information, please visit the parish website. ***The first session*** will take place on Sunday 16th November, 10:30am-11:20am in the Loyola Centre. Please make sure your child has their first ***Reconciliation Book*** before the session. On the weekend of 15/16 November, the ***Mass Attendance Card*** will be given out to the FHC children before Mass. Kindly ensure your child is present to receive it. If you have any questions, please email at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Attendance card:

- Stickers are issued to FHC children before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. The child should be present for Mass with his/her card.
- Sticker will not be issued if your child is not present for Mass, has forgotten to bring the card to Mass, has missed to attend Mass or collect sticker.
- Please make sure that the Attendance Card has the Child's full name, this will help the Stewards to identify the card and in case its lost. If you find a lost card, please drop it into the Rectory letter box or give it to Fr Christian or the Stewards.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. Lots of new and exciting stock has been received - including Advent and Christmas items. Please call by and take a look.

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection 15/16 November: The second collection for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1,270,000. By supporting you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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

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).

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Each year, as Remembrance Sunday returns, we pause to recall the immense sacrifices made in the wars that scarred the last century. The unutterable sense of loss which enwrapped our continent in the wake of these disasters has never fully lifted. Yet remembrance is not only about what has been lost; it also calls us to reflect on what kind of people we are called to be in the face of suffering and conflict today.

This year, as I reflected again on the meaning of this day, I found myself once more drawn to the life and witness of Fr Willie Doyle SJ, a Jesuit priest from Dalkey whose spiritual writings and inspiring bravery on the front earned him the respect of all who met him. His example continues to speak with power and freshness. Below are a few passages from his writings and from those who knew him.

On the grandeur of God's Love:

"Recently at Mass I have found myself at the Dominus Vobiscum opening my arms wide with the intention of embracing every soul present and drawing them in spite of themselves into that Heart which longs for their love. 'Compel them to come in,' Jesus said. Yes, compel them to dive into that abyss of love. Sometimes, I might say nearly always, when speaking to people I am seized with an extraordinary desire to draw their hearts to God. I could go down on my knees before them and beg them to be pure and holy, so strong do I feel the longing of Jesus for sanctity in everyone."

That longing, that overwhelming charity, stands in such contrast to the hatred and division that have torn our world apart. It shows us that the only lasting answer to violence is the love of Christ burning in the human heart.

On abandonment to God's love:

"Jesus knows I have only one wish in this world: to love Him and Him alone. For the rest He has carte blanche to do as He pleases in my regard. I just leave myself in His loving hands, and so have no anxiety or care, but great peace of soul.

Take, O Lord, and receive my liberty, my health and strength, my limbs, my flesh, my blood, my very life. Do with me just as You wish; I embrace all lovingly – sufferings, wounds, death if only it will glorify You one tiny bit."

Here we see the heart of Christianity: a surrender to divine will that transform fear into peace, and loss into offering.

On trying hard in spiritual things:

"He sees what a little child you are, and how useless even your greatest efforts are to accomplish the gigantic work of making a saint. But this longing, this stretching out of baby hands for His love, pleases Him beyond measure; and one day He will stoop down and catch you up with infinite tenderness in His divine arms and raise you to heights of sanctity you little dream of now.

I want you to make a greater effort to see the hand of God in everything, and then to train yourself to rejoice in His holy will … say you want a fine day, and it turns out wet, don't say 'Oh, hang it,' but give Our Lord a loving smile and say: 'Thank You, my God, for this disappointment."

Even in disappointment and trial, Fr Doyle saw the hand of God. It is a vision of faith that invites us to respond to hardship, not with resentment, but with gratitude and trust.

On going to war:

"I want you to know what I went through by volunteering for the Front. God made me feel with absolute certainty – I suppose to increase the merit of the offering – that I shall be killed. The struggle was hard, for I did not want to die; not indeed because I am afraid of death, but the thought that I could never again do more for God or suffer for Him in heaven made the sacrifice too bitter for words."

In those words there is no glorification of war, only the deep courage of a man who saw even his death as a means of serving God. His faith gave meaning to sacrifice without ever denying its pain.

About him, after he was killed:

"All during these last months he was my greatest help, and to his saintly advice, and still more to his saintly example, I owe everything I felt and did. With him, as with others of us, his bravery was no mere physical show-off. He was afraid and felt fear deeply, how deeply few can realise… His one idea was to do God's work with the men, to make them saints. How he worked and how he prayed for this! Fine weather and foul he was always thinking of them and what he could do for them. In the cold winter he would not use the stove I bought for our dug-out. He scoffed at the idea as making it stuffy – and that when the thermometer was fifteen to twenty degrees below zero, the coldest ever known in living memory here. And how he loathed it all, the life and everything it implied!

And yet nobody suspected it. God's Will was his law. And to all who remonstrated, 'Must I not be about the Lord's business?' was his laughing answer in act and deed and not merely in word. May he rest in peace: it seems superfluous to pray for him."

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+