ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

16th November 2025 ✠ Thirty-Third 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.

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

8/9 November 2025

Envelopes	£ 193.51
Loose	£ 457.70
Total	**£ 651.21**

Church Cleaning TEAM 2: J O'Connell & J Sellings (Tuesday)

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 ✚

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.

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.

Children, make sure to collect your ***Mass Attendance Card*** from the steward in the church porch before Mass!

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.

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or 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.

HCPT (Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust) have spaces for children or young people on our pilgrimage/holiday to Lourdes next Easter. If you know any young person, under 18, with additional needs, or experiencing difficulty or challenges, who might like to join us, please contact Mary on 07737899487 or email group51@HCPT.org.uk.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Reception School: Parents will be invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish website. Please keep reading the Parish Newsletter for updates. The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 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.

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

Mary's Meals is a charity with a simple solution to world hunger – to give children in some of the poorest countries the promise of a meal every school day. We are holding a celebratory event as we reach the milestone of feeding three million children in partnership with Leith's School of Food and Wine on Thursday 20th November at 6.30pm. The event includes tasting canapes inspired by the countries we feed in, presentations from Leith's on the link between food and education, and an insight into Mary's Meals work in programme countries. There will be a raffle with prizes, place on a Leith's cookery course and a three-course dinner for two at Maison Francois, Mayfair. Tickets are £5, include food, and can be booked by e-mailing info@marysmeals.org

'Pilgrims of Hope' Mass: All pilgrims are warmly invited to join us for the 'Pilgrims of Hope' Mass on Saturday, 22 November, 2:00 pm at Westminster Cathedral. A special celebration for those who have completed the Westminster Way walking pilgrimage, or any other form of pilgrimage, during the Holy Year. The Mass will be celebrated by the Provost, Canon Shaun Lennard. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Come and celebrate your journey of faith with fellow pilgrims!

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In today's gospel our Lord returns to one of his most constant themes: do not be afraid. Moreover, we are called not to be afraid even in the face of things of which we have every reason to be afraid.

Our Lord's prophesy about the end of the Second Temple very much came to pass. A mere thirty-six years after our Lord was assumed into heaven the great Jewish rebellion against Roman rule was crushed. The destruction and slaughter was so great that one contemporary estimated as many as a million people died. The entirety of ancient Jerusalem, including the Temple was raised to the ground. Jews were banned from the area and the city renamed and filled with pagan idols. Such did the Holy City remain till the conversion of Rome to Christianity. It is difficult to imagine the sorrow and horror which the ancient Jews felt at this catastrophe. It is as if St Peters and all Rome were levelled to the ground and the Holy Father taken away into slavery, but even worse. The temple was the one dwelling place of God on earth. Unlike us, the ancient Jews had no other tabernacles to fall back on.

Yet to this our Lord tells us to be unafraid. He goes on to refer to the persecutions, calumnies and privations which His followers were to experience from His own day right down to our own. Again, we are not to be afraid.

Why? Because it is not in earthly glory or in the pleasures of this world that Christian hope is found but in the restoration in us of that eternal life for which we were all made. God has become man, God has died as man, God has conquered death as man. While the trials of this world may often seem to overwhelm His Holy Church the final victory has already be achieved.

As a final note, however, it is worth observing that when our Lord tells us not to be afraid, I do not think he means that we should not have the physical emotion of fear. After all, our Lord Himself sweated blood as He prayed to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane for fear of the pains of His Passion. Rather, our Lord is calling us to endure the worries of this life, offering them up with His own perfect sacrifice on the cross, with our hopes fixed on the future life.

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+