ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

23RD NOVEMBER 2025 ✠ CHRIST THE KING

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
Reading and Prayers: pg. 167
Preface: CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE pg. 68

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

15/16 November 2025

Envelopes	£ 145.00
Loose	£ 398.53
Total	**£ 543.53**

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos & N Dunu (Saturday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Thursdays.

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 had a great meeting on Monday, remember you don't have to be a knitter or crocheter to be part of the group, come along and enjoy the company and we can help you learn a new skill. Thank you for the generous donations of wool and needles. Please bring your friends. See you Monday 10-12 noon in the Manning Room. Any questions? Call Helen 07879 415578

✚ 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: Next session Sunday 23rd 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.

Walk with Me: *A Journey of Prayer* Advent Jubilee 2025 are available in the Church Porch for £1.50. Please place your donations in the basket provided or pay via contactless – REPOSITORY OPTION.

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

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 are invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian via the Parish website or SCAN this QR code. The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 January 2026.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. Much new stock has been received including items with explicit Advent and Christmas themes. Also, there is a range of religious-themed Christmas cards. Please call by and take a look. Card payments are now accepted.

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

Diocesan jobs – Please see the Notice board or for further details, please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today is the great Solemnity of Christ the King. Throughout the scriptures Our Lord is referred to as "the king of kings" and royal imagery abounds. But what do we really mean in a concrete way when we say Christ is king? Christ tells us in one place that his is not a kingdom of this world. So, perhaps we should take from this that the kingdom is something only for the future? Perhaps God will do it in his own time? No. Christ also says "I am a king... and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

When the bible or the church speaks of "the world" it can mean more than one thing. On one level there is the world which we all live in, created by God to be good, and which is good and which Christ said he "came not to condemn, but to save." But "the world" can also be a general term for what one might loosely call "the system" - all those things which are products of the fall: greed, envy, faithlessness, institutional injustice and so on. Christ's kingdom is certainly not of that world. But it is still very real, and Christ the King demands the obedience of all peoples, and all governments to the law of love.

What does this concretely mean for us? How should we respond to this? We must not leave our faith a home when we are in the public forum or make decisions about right and wrong in the world. There is a certain natural law, built on Christ's law of love, which is binding on the consciences of all people which we are called to share. In short we should always act in our public as well as in our private lives, according to what our conscience thinks is best: our conscience must be informed by out Catholic faith, the teachings of Christ. What it really centres around is love. If we truly love one another we will try to remember every single person, people who are loved by Christ and by us, as people dedicated to building up Christ's kingdom.

Yes, we must think of our families and those we have to look after first. But we also need to always act for the good of all but with special concern to the most vulnerable in our society This is what the Church calls, "the preferential option for the poor." Always acting with a special concern for the most vulnerable members of our society. Those who cannot afford the basic necessities of life, the disabled and the unborn. This is of putting Christ's law of love into practise and so building his kingdom.

This law of Love is one of the reasons why Catholicism has always opposed governments which support one group against the good of another group – for example, racist governments which support one racial group at the expense of another, or governments entirely in the pockets of the rich, or communist governments.

At the moment I am sure we can think of many places where this law of love is not obeyed. The oppression of the people of China, the treatment of so many civilians in the war in Ukraine. These are prime examples of resistance to Christ's law of love for all people, of resistance to his kingdom.

So, let us re-commit ourselves today to acting in our private and public lives in accordance with Christ's law of love and so build up his kingdom.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Eileen Sargent, Derek Hook, Daniel Fitzgerald, Cynthia Souza, Peter O'Leary, Ted Edgar, Kathleen Mansell.

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