ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

3RD JANUARY 2026 ✠ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

MASS TIMES

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

EPIPHANY MASSES: Tuesday 9:30am & 7:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

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 A
Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board
Reading and Prayers: pg.111
Preface III of the Nativity of the Lord: pg.67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations

There was no counting last week, numbers will be available next week.

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: M Leslie & L Ecalona (Fri)

PARISH NOTICES

EPIPHANY MASS BOOK PAGES

Mass During the Day: pg.115

Preface: The Epiphany of the Lord: pg. 67

CRIB OFFERING: Please support the Catholic Children's Society this Christmas. Place your donation in the church Crib to help vulnerable children and families in need. Gift Aid envelopes are available or please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

Confirmation 2025 - 2026: The Confirmation programme begins on Monday, 12 January 2026. More details will be emailed to parents in the New Year. Keep an eye on the parish newsletter for updates.

First Holy Communion 2025 - 2026: Parents, for session dates and important information, please visit the parish website. *Mass Attendance Stickers* will be issued at all weekend Masses.

REGULAR NOTICES

Parish Registration: If you are new to the parish and would like to register, 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

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.

Funerals: To book a funeral, please contact 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.

Sunday Tea/Coffee Morning: Every Sunday after 9:30am Mass in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

Knit & Knatter: *Come and Join Us!* Monday, 10am to 12noon, in the Manning Room. Whether you knit, crochet, or are just curious, enjoy friendly company, learn at your own pace, and bring a friend! Questions? Call Helen on 07879 415578.

Table Tennis Club: The Men's Over-70s Table Tennis Club is looking for new members. We meet most Thursday evenings from 8–10 pm in the Manning Room behind the church. It's a relaxed, light-hearted session. Info: John on 07563 761431.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 2nd January 2026 – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 31st December to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion 2025–26: Next session Sunday 14th December, 10:30am-11:20am in the Loyola Centre.

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.

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.

AN EPIPHANY HYMN

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]



THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Eileen Archer, Alfi Watts, Alan Robertson,
Leonie Andrews, Margaret Tuck, James (Jim) Webb

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