ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

8th February 2026 ✠ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday: 9:30am.

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

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Wednesday: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & CONFESSION

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY *Year A*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board
Reading and Prayers: pg. 133
Preface V: CREATION, pg.69

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Figures will be provided next week

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

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025–26: The session is *TODAY*, Sunday 8th February, 10:30am-11:20am.

CONFIRMATION 2026: The *next* session is on Monday, 23rd February, 5pm - 6.30pm in the Manning Room.

My Day by Day: Lent 2026, Daily Reading booklets are available in the Church Porch for £1. Please place your donations in the basket provided or pay via contactless – REPOSITORY OPTION.

REPOSITORY: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. Please call by and take a look!

Save the Date – Irish Night | 21st February: Our next parish social event will be an Irish Night, taking place on Saturday, 21st February, at Sunbury Cricket Club. Join us for a fun-filled evening of music, singing, dancing, and great food! More details coming soon, watch this space. For enquiries, please contact Rose (07783 799895) or Mary (07737 899487).

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: We took 7 blankets and 15 beanie hats to Knit for Peace (a London Homeless charity) earlier this week. They were gratefully received and thanks to all our knitters! If anyone has any spare wool lying around at home we would be very happy to make use of it. Please and Thank you. We meet every Monday in The Manning Room 10-12 noon, all are welcome!

Missio: If you've requested a **Red Box** but haven't returned your form, hand it to Vince Grayson at the 6pm Mass or drop it in the Rectory letterbox. Forms are also in the porch for anyone wishing to support Missio, the Pope's charity.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 6th March 2026 – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 4th March to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Parish Schools: St Ignatius Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic College (Secondary) are this parish's two Catholic Schools, though some parishioners have children at Catholic secondary schools outside the parish bounds. Both are thriving schools. All Catholics are encouraged to have their children educated in a Catholic context.

Signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Catholic Schools

Important Information for Parents:

1) School Admissions Guidance: Before booking an appointment for the CCP, parents are requested to contact the relevant school office to understand the admissions process. Further information can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions

2) Booking an Appointment with the Priest: CCP signing will be done by appointment only via our online booking system**,** available on the Parish website**.** Appointment periods are as follows:

- Secondary Transfer (Year 7): September – October
- Reception Admissions: November – January
- Nursery Admissions: February – April

3) Parish Newsletter: Please continue to check the Parish Newsletter regularly for updates and the release of appointment slots.

4) For Admissions to Year Groups (Years 1 to 6): Please email the Parish Office directly to request an appointment: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

EVENTS

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball on *St Valentine's Day*, Saturday 14th February, 6pm in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £135 each or a table of ten for £1,300. Contact: GCNBall@gmail.com or 07795205117

Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat: Friday, 13th March to Sunday, 15th March 2026 at Kairos Centre, London. Led by: Fr Svetozar Kraljević OFM. To book, please contact: Paul Spencer, pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com or 07710 567183.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JUSTICE & PEACE LECTURE 2026: Join us on 25th March 2026 at 7:00 pm at Farm Street Church, London W1K 3AH for the second annual Justice & Peace Lecture. Charles Wookey will speak on *"Living out Catholic Social Teaching in Today's Britain",* with a response from Dr Charles Bury. Buffet reception in Arrupe Hall follows. All welcome. Please RSVP by 1 March: justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday, 27th February:
This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support – collection will take place on the weekend of 28/1st March. You could also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Sunday's readings speak very directly about vocation and calling. In each case, the one whom God calls is acutely aware of his own inadequacy. Isaiah stands in the presence of the Lord and is immediately conscious of his unclean lips. Peter, faced with the miraculous catch of fish, falls to his knees and confesses his sinfulness. Saint Paul describes himself as the least of the apostles, unworthy of the name.

What is striking is that God does not contradict this sense of unworthiness. Instead, he acts. Isaiah is purified. Peter is reassured. Paul is strengthened by grace. Only then are they sent. Mission is never a reward for holiness, but the fruit of God's mercy at work within us.

These readings offer a gentle correction to the way we sometimes think about faith. We can be tempted to believe that we must first put our lives in order before responding to God. In fact, it is often the response itself that allows God to do his work in us. The Lord calls ordinary people, in ordinary circumstances, and invites them to trust him beyond their own fears.

For us, too, the call of God is not abstract. It is lived out in faithfulness to daily prayer, to family life, to service of neighbour, and to the life of the Church. Like Peter, we are invited to put out into deeper water, not because we are confident in ourselves, but because we trust the one who calls us.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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

Parish office is closed from 2nd to 13th February 2026.
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