ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

19TH April 2026 ✠ 3RD Sunday of Easter

MASS TIMES

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

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

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 A*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board
Reading and Prayers: pg. 258
Preface III of Easter: CHRIST LIVING AND ALWAYS INTERCEDING FOR US, pg.74

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

11/12 April 2026

Envelopes	£ 169.61
Loose	£ 355.88
Total	**£ 525.49**

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

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Tuesdays.
Parish queries:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk,
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PARISH NOTICES

CONFIRMATION 2026: The *next* session will be held on Monday, 27th April, 5pm - 6.30pm in the Manning Room.

Weekly Donation Envelopes (2026–2027): Mauve/purple weekly donation envelopes are available for collection in the church or from the Parish Office.

- Check your box number, name, and postcode.
- Ensure the date on the envelope are correct before use.
- Kindly recycle any old envelopes.
- If you need a box of envelopes, please contact parish office. Thank you for your continued support!

Red Box 2025: Thank You! In 2025, our parish raised **£365.07** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Ignatius is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glenn MHM working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

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

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.

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.

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

Knit & Knatter: Huge thanks to all those who have donated wool to our knitting project, we really appreciate it. If you have spare wool in your house we will gladly put it to great use. If you enjoy knitting and want to join our thriving bunch of Knitters and Crocheters we have remote knitters as well as our friendly bunch who meet on Monday mornings 10am - 12noon in the Manning Room. All are welcome.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 1st May 2026 – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips.

Please place your food order by Wednesday 29th April to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190

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.

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

Called to Love, 2nd – 3rd May 2026: A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night. https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) - *Discerning God's Call in your life*. 15th to 17th May, Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more info. contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org. To register: https://bit.ly/Vocation2026

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage for Young Adults in Vilnius, Lithuania with the Assumption group from 6th to 12th June. Take part in the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy, an international Catholic gathering held in the birthplace of the Divine Mercy devotion. Cost: £600 + travel. Register by 30th April, for more information visit www.assumpta-eu.org/divine-mercy-pilgrimage-in-vilnius/ or email rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGE 2026: *Pilgrimage to Fatima* (8 July to 15 July 2026). Closing date 28 April 2026. *Pilgrimage to Italy* (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

Forming Catholic Student Leaders: Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. www.christianleadershipformation.com

CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers:

(1) Confident parenting in a world of screens. Wednesday 29th April @ 8pm Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world.)

(2) Raising teenagers in a Catholic family. Tuesday 2nd June @ 8pm As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships.

To reserve your place, book now by visiting https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Gospel presents a journey that is both geographical and spiritual. The two disciples leave Jerusalem, the city of peace and a figure of heaven, and make their way towards Emmaus. Their direction reflects their inner state. Their hopes have been disappointed, and so they drift away from the centre of faith into sorrow and confusion.

It is in that moment that Christ draws near. He walks with them, entering into their grief rather than standing at a distance. This is a great consolation. Christ accompanies us not only in faith and clarity, but also in discouragement, even when we are moving away from him.

They do not recognise him. Their sorrow prevents them from seeing what is before them. Christ responds by opening the Scriptures, showing how all things point to himself. He is not simply part of Scripture, but its key. Without him it remains closed, but with him it becomes clear and alive.

Here we begin to see the shape of the Mass. Christ first speaks, and their hearts begin to burn within them. This is the Liturgy of the Word, where Christ addresses us and rekindles faith.

The moment of recognition comes in the breaking of the bread. Christ takes, blesses, breaks, and gives the bread, and their eyes are opened. In this, we see the heart of the Mass. Christ is truly made known in the Eucharist.

This encounter transforms them. They rise at once and return to Jerusalem. Their direction is reversed. Having moved away from the city of peace, they now hasten back towards it. An encounter with Christ restores us and turns us again towards heaven.

Their experience is then confirmed within the company of the Apostles. What began as sorrow ends in faith and communion.

This Gospel shows us what happens at every Mass. Christ meets us, speaks to us in the Scriptures, and is revealed to us in the breaking of the bread. If we recognise him, then like the disciples, we are turned back towards Jerusalem, renewed in faith and hope.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Daniel Fitzgerald, Peter O'Leary, Ted Edgar, Kathleen Mansell, John Shanley, John Hayward, Kathleen Connolly.

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