ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

12TH APRIL 2026 ✠ SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Jesus, I trust in You!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, we have raised **£169.25** towards The Catholic Children's Society - Crib Appeal,
£333 towards CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day,
£80 towards Cardinal Lenten Appeal,
£277.96 towards Easter Flower Collection,
£640 towards Teenage Cancer Trust and
£570.85 towards Holy Places.

Weekly Donation Envelopes (2026–2027): Mauve/purple weekly donation envelopes, starting from this weekend, 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!

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 17th April 2026 – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 15th April to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190

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. 255
Preface I of Easter: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY, pg.74

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR EASTER

Thank you for your generous donation

4/5 April 2026

Envelopes	£ 398.28
Loose	£ 1,386.31
Total	**£ 1,784.59**

Standing Orders & Contactless
February 2026: 2,375.00 & 768.02

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

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Tuesdays.
Parish queries:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk,
ManningRoom:sunburyparishcentres@rcdow.org.uk.
Bookkeeping (Luciana): sunburyonthamesbk@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025–26: The *next* session will be held on Sunday 19th April, 10:30am-11:20am, Loyola Centre.

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

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.

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist – Rota Update: The *next* rota is available in the church porch and online on the parish website under Parish Groups. *Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 9:30am Mass readers*, please take note of the changes in your reading dates.

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.

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.

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

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

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

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk with the following details: husband and wife's full names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number *by Monday 20th April 2026.*

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

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

In today's gospel we have a very comforting story: that of St Thomas, unfairly called "the doubter." Often this story is read as a story of our Lord scolding St Thomas for his doubt of the resurrection. On one level that is true. Our Lord clearly states that those who did not see and yet believed have the greater blessing. As people who have not seen and yet believe, this is a great consolation.

Even so, St Thomas' challenge has a great deal of value in it. He is right about the holes in our Lord's hands and feet. If the Risen Christ is some phantasm, or a new person, then the resurrection is a fraud. Christ is the one who died, the one "who has been pierced." This is the mystery of divine humility: that the Risen Christ shows us His wounds. His wounds stand as an eternal sign of His suffering, of the evil of sin, but also of the His eternal triumph over sin and death.

Finally, this small exchange also leads to the first full statement of Christian faith we see in the gospels. St Thomas responds: "my Lord and my God." Here is the very first time in the gospel that one of our Lord's disciples' states that he believes what Christ has said all along: that Christ is God in the flesh.

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+