ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

26TH April 2026 ✠ Fourth 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. 262
Preface IV of Easter: THE RESTORATION OF THE UNIVERSE THROUGH THE PASCAL MYSTERY, pg.74

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

18/19 April 2026

Envelopes	£ 244.00
Loose	£ 374.75
Total	**£ 618.75**

Church Cleaning TEAM 4: Umelia and Juvenile Joao (Saturday)

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion Rehearsals: The rehearsal for our *first* First Holy Communion Mass will be on Friday 1st May, 4:00pm in the church. Only children who are receiving their Communion on Sunday 3rd May should attend.

First Holy Communion Mass: First Holy Communions will be received at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, 3rd May. All parishioners are welcome to attend if they wish. Some pews will, however, be reserved for the children's families.

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

Confirmation Rehearsal: All those to be confirmed on Tuesday should attend a rehearsal to be held on Friday 1st May at 5pm. The confirmandi should have their chosen confirmation name ready for that day. Sponsors are encouraged to come if they can.

Parish Confirmations: The parish confirmations for our young people will be held on Tuesday, 5th May at 6pm. The sacrament will be celebrated by The Right Rev'd James Curry, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Please pray for our young people as they receive the sacramental gift of the Holy Spirit.

St Ignatius 100 Club: The end of year Draw will take place on Sunday 24th May after 9.30am Mass, a very exciting time as we will have £645 worth of prizes to pay out to our current members. Please do join us in the Manning Room for celebrations, tea, coffee and cake! Father Christian will also be presented with a cheque which will go toward the cost of a Special Project. Keep an eye on your inbox for your renewal to the 100 Club, huge thanks to all our members who helped to raise £5220 last year, Good Luck in the draw!

Knit & Knatter: Don't forget there's no Knit & Knatter on Mondays 4th & 25th May as they are Bank Holidays**.** If you'd like to come and join our friendly knitters and crocheters, please feel free to come along on Mondays between 10am - 12 noon. All ages and abilities are most welcome. We also have a very active crew of remote knitters if you'd like to help knit 20cm squares for blankets for the homeless. Keep knitting....

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.

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. In 2025, our parish raised **£365.07** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. **Thank you!**

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – Supporting Future Priests:

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. There will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund next weekend, Sunday 3rd May.

This fund supports the formation of men who are responding to God's call to serve as priests in our diocese. Their journey involves years of human, spiritual, and pastoral preparation, equipping them to serve parish communities in the years ahead. Your support helps make this formation possible. It is a direct way of strengthening the life of the Church and ensuring that future generations will continue to receive the sacraments and pastoral care.

If you are able, please give generously in next weekend's collection. Envelopes are available in the church porch or scan the QR code.
Please also continue to pray for vocations and for those currently in formation.

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

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Pastoral Letter for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
26th April 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, the whole church prays for vocations to the priesthood. We are blessed with so many wonderful priests serving in the Diocese and I ask you to join with me in praying in thanksgiving for their ministry amongst us all. Please pray, too, for those who are in formation for the Priesthood and for the staff in our seminaries who are entrusted with the important work of their formation.

The ministry of the priest is one of service. This was expressed during Holy Week in the Renewal of Priestly Promises, which took place at the Chrism Mass as our priests resolved to continue their ministry, following "Christ the head and shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls."[1] This spirit of service, itself a self-emptying in imitation of Christ Himself, brings with it the utmost joy for all those called by the Lord to share in His priesthood.

Priestly ministry flows, in a very particular way, from the celebration of the Eucharist. The celebration of the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our lives.[2] This celebration is vital for our lives, for the life of the Church and the priest is called by Christ Himself to celebrate the Eucharist with and for the People of God. From this celebration flows his ministry of servant-leadership for all those entrusted to his care -in whatever circumstance he may carry this out.

This priestly service: a response to Christ's call, rooted in His gift of the Eucharist and nourished by the Word of God and daily commitment to prayer, is a great endeavour, enabling all whom the priest serves to grow in Christian life and in the mission of the Church.

The discernment of this vocation, as Pope Leo reminds us, calls for "a relationship based on prayer and silence."[3] Such prayer and silence require a commitment of time, but this is time that will bear great fruit. It is important for us all – in our parish communities, schools and homes – to foster time for such prayer and support those whom the Lord calls to share in His priesthood.

A diocesan resource has been produced that will assist us in this path of prayer for vocations to priesthood leading to the celebration of Pentecost.

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is an aspect of parish life in many parts of the Diocese. Times of Adoration provide excellent opportunities for prayer for priestly vocations and I ask every parish to hold a Holy Hour each week over the next month for this intention.

The praying of the Rosary is a part of many people's lives of prayer. I invite parishes to form groups of people who will commit to praying the Rosary for vocations to priesthood, whether this be together or alone but united with others through prayer.

The call to priesthood, more often than not, comes in quiet ways: the example of a priest; the example of parents and family members as they persevere in faith; a thought about service to the Church; a renewed experience of God's presence when on retreat or at a day of prayer and celebration; a reawakening of awareness of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Above all, the call to priesthood comes through the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit.

To those of you who sense these stirrings of the Holy Spirit, calling you to service of Christ and his Church, "pause, listen, entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world." [4]

With every Blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Richard

✠ Archbishop Richard Moth
Archbishop of Westminster