ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

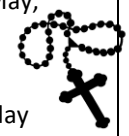
3rd May 2026 ✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: In honour of Our Lady Queen of the May, there will be public rosary in the Church at 10am on Wednesdays. 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. 265
Preface V of Easter: CHRIST, PRIEST & VICTIM, pg.75

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Figures will be provided next week

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

PARISH NOTICES

Fr Christian and the Parish warmly congratulate all the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion today. We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to their families on this joyful and blessed occasion. May God continue to guide and bless you all as you grow in faith and love of the Lord.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals: The rehearsal for our *second* First Holy Communion Mass will be on Friday 8th May, 4:00pm in the church. Only children who are receiving their Communion on Sunday 10th May should attend.

First Holy Communion Mass: The *second* group will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, 10th May. All parishioners are welcome to attend if they wish. Some pews will, however, be reserved for the children's families.

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 5th June 2026 – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 3rd June 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

There will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund **TODAY!** 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.

Exploring Interculturality – Workshop: As part of the *Going Deeper* series, the FCJ Centre for Spirituality and EcoJustice invites you to a workshop on Exploring Interculturality, reflecting on the joys and challenges of intercultural living and increasing awareness of our cultural habits and assumptions. Saturday 9th May 2026, 10:00am – 3:30pm at FCJ Centre for Spirituality and EcoJustice, London NW1. Led by Sr Katherine Mary O'Flynn FCJ, the workshop offers space for reflection, learning, and dialogue. Registration essential, Contribution: £25–£30. info@fcjecojustice.co.uk

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden The May procession will take place on Sunday 10th May at 3pm, and the Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace.

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" and explore the vocation to religious life, reflecting on God's call in our own lives. It offers time for prayer, reflection, and input, as well as the opportunity to live alongside the religious community, ask questions, and meet others discerning their path. Contact: Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or register: https://bit.ly/Vocation2026

CELEBRATE Trust - new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers: 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

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

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

We are rapidly approaching the great feast of the Lord's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In these weeks we meditate on many of the deepest mysteries of our faith, above all the mystery of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Christ has come to save us from our sins. While God is never bound to do anything, we might perhaps guess that it is fitting that the God who sustains and governs the universe should want to act in some way to restore what is broken in it. What we could never guess, if Christ had not revealed it to us, is the very nature of the inner life of God Himself, that He is One God, in Three Persons.

Christ initiates us into this mystery as He explains His commandment to love. Those who love Him love the Father because, as he says in another place "[He] and the Father are one." Not only that, from the Father, through Christ the Son, comes the Holy Spirit, to guide the Church in every age from falling into error and departing from fullness of Catholic Truth. This is "the peace the world cannot give", the knowledge that we are united to Almighty God because we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, and are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father.

How do we know that we still have the Spirit given to us in baptism and remain united to Christ? "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word" warns our Lord. How often have we all failed to do that! But we can take comfort, "do not let your hearts be troubled." As long as we hold to the truth and hold to the sacraments we are never cut off from forgiveness. Repentance, above all, is the doorway to paradise.

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