ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

17TH May 2026 ✠ Seventh 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. 275
Preface II of Easter: NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, pg.74

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

9/10 May 2026

Envelopes	£ 210.00
Loose	£ 520.14
Total	**£ 730.14**

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

PARISH NOTICES

Fr Christian and the Parish warmly congratulate all the children 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 in your love of the Lord.

First Holy Communion Mass: The *third* group will receive their First Holy Communion at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, 17th May. All parishioners are welcome to attend if they wish. Some pews will, however, be reserved for the children's families.

Repository: Repository: The Repository will be open before and after the 11:30 am (First Communion) Mass this weekend.

New statue of Our Lady



The new statue of Our Lady, recently restored and installed in the church, will be solemnly unveiled this coming Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. During the Mass there will also be the traditional May Crowning of Our Lady with flowers in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this month especially dedicated to her.



All are warmly invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we entrust ourselves and our parish once again to the loving care and intercession of Our Lady.

Ignatius 100 Club:

1) **End of Year Draw:** 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. A huge thanks to all our members who helped to raise £5,220 last year, Good Luck in the draw!

2) **Renewals & Mobile Contactless Payment:** Keep an eye on your inbox for your 100 Club renewal details. Joining or renewing your membership is now even easier, as contactless payments can be made outside the church before and after all Masses over the next couple of weekends. Please see Marek or Helen to complete your Membership form and pay without any fuss! Thanks for your support!

Please note the 100 Club mobile contactless payment device is different from the Church contactless device in the Porch.

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

Knit & Knatter: Don't forget there's no Knit & Knatter on Monday 25th May due to the Bank Holiday. 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....

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.

HCPT Group 51 had a wonderful pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. We were delighted to have several helpers and beneficiaries from St Ignatius Parish with us. Thank you for all your help and support throughout the year. We lit candles and prayed for the intentions of the parish at the Grotto.

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

National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life – Thursday 21st May

Please join the National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life on Thursday 21st May (Vigil of St Rita), praying for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayer, fasting, and a Rosary for the protection of life. For more information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 02077231740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

The Life of Christ 16 - 20 June 2026 at Wintershall - *The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life*: Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. To book the tickets, please scan the QR code.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

During this past week we celebrated the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is perhaps a peculiar thing to celebrate. After all, would it not be a wonderful thing if we were able to talk to our Lord face to face, just as we speak to each other? To see Him say those words of forgiveness and give us the promise of eternal life would surely be a truly wonderful thing.

The Ascension, however, was an important and necessary part of our Lord's redemptive work as it is through this event that He takes His proper place as the head of the Church and the one who is present in all places at all times, particularly in the sacraments.

In truth, Christ has never left the world. The miracle of the Incarnation cannot be undone. Christmas is not reversed. Rather, it is transformed and elevated. His earthly body continues, of course, but upon this earth, more importantly, His body becomes us. We, the Church, become the Body of Christ. He remains the head, but we the members. His hands to reach out to those in need, His eyes to look with compassion, His lips to pronounce the forgiveness of sins: these are all things we are called to do with Him and for Him. All while He remains head. Where the head has gone, heaven, the body is sure to follow.

Most especially, the Risen Christ is present in our sacraments. When the Mass is said; where absolution is pronounced, or any of the other sacraments is validly performed, then Christ Himself is present and is the true minister, the priest merely the vessel.

So this is why Christ ascended, that He might continue the work of the incarnation through us, both in the sacraments, our teaching, and our charity to the world.

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