ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

24TH May 2026 ✠ Pentecost Sunday

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30am.

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: 8am - 5pm. Saturday 9:30am-6:30pm. Sunday 8am-1pm.

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR CONFESSION

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY *Year A*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board
Reading and Prayers: pg. 288
Preface: The Mystery of Pentecost, pg.76

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

16/17 May 2026

Envelopes	£ 184.05
Loose	£ 679.70
Total	**£ 863.75**

Standing Orders & Contactless
March: £2,838 & Contactless: £1,008.91
April: £3,067 & Contactless: £1,194.50

Church Cleaning TEAM 1: M Leslie, L Escalona, C Sison & E Addal (Friday)

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass on Wednesday 27th May, Friday 29th May, and Monday 1st June. Parish office is closed on Thursday 28th May.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend.

Corpus Christi Procession and First Holy Communion Celebration: The parish will hold a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 7th June at 3:00pm. The procession will start in the church and go outside the Manning Room is expected to last around half an hour. This will be a beautiful opportunity for the parish to express its love and devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The First Holy Communion children, both the younger and older groups, will take part in the procession as a joint act of thanksgiving. This will be followed by a celebration at the Loyola Centre.

It will be a wonderful occasion for the children and their families to come together to mark this important milestone in their lives. First Holy Communion certificates will also be presented to the children.

All parishioners are welcomed to the procession.

New statue of Our Lady



The new statue of Our Lady, recently restored and installed in the church, will be solemnly unveiled today 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:** It's the end of year draw and we have a record £770 in prizes to give away and a £1300 cheque for Father Christian. Come and join the excitement of the draw in the Manning Room where there will be tea, coffee and cake! We will be accepting new members for 2026-2027 too! Good Luck to all our members!

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.

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

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: 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.

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

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.

UK PRAYS will be saying a public rosary to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, on Saturday June 6th at 12.00 hrs at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, KT8 9DD. This is a quiet side gate opposite Bushy Park. Do not go to the main palace entrance. See link for transport and parking https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/visit/getting-here/.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today is Pentecost Sunday, traditionally also called Whitsun in England. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples gathered in the upper room.

The Holy Spirit, promised by Christ now arrives to bring inspiration and passion to the disciples who convert as many as five thousand people. This is why today is often called "the birthday of the Church."

But who is the Holy Spirit? We are more familiar with the two other persons of the Holy Trinity: God the Father and God the Son. They seem easier to envision because the speak to us directly. The Holy Spirit is, however, God just as much as they are, but He does not interact with us in quite the same way.

The Holy Spirit is, above all, He who makes known. As St Paul says quite plainly "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." In ancient times the Holy Spirit spoke "through the prophets", as we say in the Creed. But since Pentecost the Holy Spirit has been the one who reveals Christ in our hearts. The Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself, as Christ says He "will not speak on His own." Rather, He is the grace poured into our hearts to give us the gift of faith. Christ tells us that "the world cannot receive [the Spirit], because it neither sees Him nor knows Him," but that those who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells within them.

If the Spirit dwells within all the baptised He is truly the Spirit of the Body of Christ (which is the Church). And this role is not just a meaningless title. The Holy Spirit has an extremely important role in the life of the Church. It is the Spirit who guides the Church throughout the ages and allows us to know the will of God.

How? Firstly, it is the Spirit who inspires the Scriptures. The authority of the Bible is His authority. Secondly, the Spirit speaks to us in Sacred Tradition, that is to say the teaching and way of life which the Apostles handed down to us to be preserved till the end of time through the Magisterium (authoritative teaching) of the Church, which He guides. Thirdly, we know the Spirit in prayer. Most particularly we know Him in the sacraments, through the words and symbols inspired by the Holy Spirit which put us into communion with Christ. But not only there, also whenever and wherever we pray and call to Him for inspiration. Finally, the Holy Spirit inspires the different gifts which the saints have had over the centuries and the glorious achievements of them and their assistants. We need only think of the endless array of Catholic martyrs, missionaries, monks, hermits, educators, medics and monarchs who have for twenty centuries been the love of Christ 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