ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

31st May 2026 ✠ The Most Holy Trinity

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30am. *Friday abstinence.*

PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: 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. 81
Preface: The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, pg. 64

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

23/24 May 2026

Envelopes	£ 184.60
Loose	£ 302.30
Total	**£ 486.90**

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

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 Monday 1st June.

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

St Ignatius 100 Club: Congratulations to all our winners last weekend. The next draw will be on Sunday 21st June after the 9.30am Mass and will be the first of the new year. We have lots of new members and if you'd like to sign up it couldn't be easier as we now take contactless payments and will be available before and after the 9.30am Mass, alternatively email stignatius100club@btinternet.com us or call us 07879 415578. Thank you to you all for your support.

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.

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: please feel free to join us whatever level you're at we are a friendly bunch of Knitters and Crocheters who meet every Monday 10am - 12noon in the Manning Room. It really doesn't matter what level you're at, we have experienced knitters who can help you on your way. Why not have a go?

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.

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

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

In past centuries it was common for priests to refrain from preaching on Trinity Sunday since the subject can be very tricky! The mystery of the Trinity is, however, absolutely central to our faith. It is something to be celebrated, not downplayed. As St John Henry Newman wrote, put simply: "firmly I believe, and truly, God is Three and God is One, and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son."

To flesh that out a little, through His public ministry, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God has revealed to us something about Himself which we could not have discovered by reason alone and which we, being finite creatures before the infinite majesty of God, could never fully understand: that He is One God, indivisible, yet also abiding in Three Persons. These Persons are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

How is this so? As a mystery of the faith the Trinity is above human reasoning but we can perhaps approach understanding the matter if we look within ourselves. Each of us is, without doubt, one. Yet we do have multiplicity within us. We all have memory, understanding and will. Our memory is not our understanding, or our will yet it is us, just as our will is not our understanding or memory yet is also still us. We are our memory, our understanding and our will yet these things are not each other. In the same way God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet these three Persons are not each other.

Another way to see this is as the great St Augustine did. His vision of the Trinity does something more as well, it perhaps gives us some insight into how we, the beloved children of God, are caught up in the mystery of the Trinity. St Augustine compares the Trinity to our self-understanding and love. We are, we have our own idea of ourself and we have our own self-love. These three remain within us, they are all part of us as one creature, yet they are not each other. Similarly, God the Father has existed from all eternity yet, co-eternal with that existence is the Father's self-image: "the image of the invisible God" (as St Paul says). This image is God the Son, He who became man and walked by galilee. Between the Father and the Son there is a third element: the love "breathed", as it were, between them. This love we call the Holy Spirit.

So how does St Augustine say we are drawn into this vision? We are called into Christ. Also, in our baptism, and throughout our lives as Christians, we have been drawn into that love which passes between the Father and the Son. Enveloped in Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is why Christians have something far more powerful than mere eternal joy in heaven. Rather, we are drawn up into God Himself. We dwell within God, in a sense, we become participators in God. This surpasses all we might image God would wish for us, and this is possible because God is Three and God is One.

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