ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

7TH JUNE 2026 ✠ CORPUS CHRISTI

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. 83
Preface II: THE FRUITS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST, pg. 65

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

30/31 May 2026

Envelopes	£ 74.06
Loose	£ 254.75
Total	**£ 328.81**

Church Cleaning TEAM 3: C Dos Passos & N Dunu (Saturday)

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

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.*

St Ignatius 100 Club: 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.

Fundraising Events – Thank You

Quiz Night – 31st January: Our Quiz Night raised **£1,400** in support of HCPT. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to a fantastic evening.

Irish Night – 21st March: Thank you to all who joined us for the Irish Night and helped make it such an enjoyable occasion. The event raised a total of **£2,560**, which has been shared equally between HCPT Group 51 and Cruse Bereavement Support, £1,280 each.

Both events were attended by a wonderful mix of parishioners, friends, and supporters of the charities. Your generosity and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

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 the 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.

EVENTS

VACANY: The Ascension Catholic Academy Trust is currently advertising for a Site and Facilities Assistant and an Apprentice Site and Facilities Assistant to work across our schools in the Twickenham and Spelthorne areas. These roles would suit both school leavers and individuals with experience or an interest in facilities management and site operations. For further information, please contact Nicola Twose at hr@ascensioncat.org.

The Discovering Chesterton Conference will take place in London on Saturday, 13th June. Learn about the life and work of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Catholic journalist, novelist, essayist, apologist, lecturer, playwright, poet, beloved husband, friend, adoptive uncle, and even potential saint at this one-day conference. Booking Required Ticket Price: £15. To book, email catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk or Tel, 07795205114. Light Lunch provided! www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk

The Life of Christ 16 - 20 June 2026 at Wintershall - *The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life*: 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. To book the tickets, please scan the QR code.

More Human: Pope Leo has recently published a new encyclical titled **Magnifica Humanitas**, which examines what it means to be human in today's world, especially in the age of artificial intelligence. Join us for three short workshops where we will delve into this important document through presentations, reflections, discussions, and prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Location: St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, NW1 1TA
Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Dates: Mondays: 13 July, 21 September, and 23 November.
To register, please scan the QR code.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today marks the great Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, more usually known by its Latin name "Corpus Christi." Of all the comforts and supports which God has granted to us during our earthly pilgrimage we can have little doubt that the greatest is the Sacrifice of the Mass. In this greatest of the sacraments we are not only made present at the foot of the cross, made fresh witnesses of the sacrifice of God's own Son for us, we are also invited into a union with the divine quite beyond the simply spiritual. By the miracle called, in the Church's technical language, transubstantiation, the substance of bread and wine is entirely transformed into that of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, only the outward appearance of bread and wine remaining.

How do we know that this extraordinary and breathtaking teaching is what Our Lord intended? The Church's unbroken tradition from the apostles themselves and the words of scripture are clear: our Lord took bread and said "this is my body" and, similarly wine, and said "this is my blood." He did not say "this is a symbol of my body" or "we are play-acting that this is my body." He said "is" quite explicitly. Indeed, in another place (John, Chapter 6) Christ is even clearer: He takes great pains to emphasise that He wanted His disciples to eat His flesh and drink His blood. When some do not accept this, and even a good number of His disciples leave Him, He does not cry after them "no! no! I only meant that as a metaphor, I was only speaking symbolically." He is said, but He lets them go. Such was the importance of this teaching to our Lord Himself.

Why is it so important? It is often said that "you are what you eat" and this phrase is particularly appropriate of Holy Communion. Our Lord is very direct with us about what this means: "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you will not have live in you" (John 6:53). This, like so many of the mysteries of our faith is about becoming one with the Godhead. Christ is in God and God is in Christ so if we are in Christ we are in God. We are drawn into Christ at our baptism but it is in Holy Communion that the fullness of intimate communion with Christ is achieved.

A full appreciation for this greatest gift of God is vital for true spiritual growth. This is why we do all those things which help us to recognise the reality of what Holy Communion is. We call the host "the Blessed Sacrament", we honour Him with beautiful churches, sacred vessels of silver and gold, candles, incense, music. All of these things speak to us of the glory and beauty of God, of the things of heaven. As things which can be seen, they help us enter into the reality of things which remain unseen.

During the last year it has often been difficult to honour the Blessed Sacrament as we should. Masks, long queues at communion and the rest, has made devotion harder than in the past. I hope that, as we slowly move out of lockdown and restrictions, we will be able, as a parish, to appreciate ever more deeply this greatest gift of God.

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.

Pat Brown, who taught for many years at St Ignatius School and formed many friendships within our Sunbury community, sadly died on 24th May after a short illness. Although she lived in Shepperton, she remained a much-loved presence among us here.
Her funeral will take place at St John Fisher Church, Shepperton, on 24th June at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

+Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen