ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

14TH JUNE 2026 ✠ ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. 91
Preface I: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD, pg. 66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Figures will be provided next week

Church Cleaning TEAM 4: Umelia and Juvenile Joao (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: Thank you to all who took part in our Corpus Christi Procession and celebration. It was a beautiful expression of our faith and devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

A special thank you to our First Holy Communion children and their families for joining in this act of thanksgiving.

We are grateful to everyone whose support and participation helped make the occasion such a joyful and memorable event.

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

Missio: Red Box holders should by now have received their personal copy of Mission Today (Summer edition) celebrating 90 years of the Red Box scheme and the partnership between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Spare copies are available in the porch for anyone who'd like to find out more about the Pope's charity for world mission and how to support it. Forms to request a Red Box - for donating all that unwanted fiddly small change! - are also available there: please hand completed forms to Vince Grayson at the 6pm Mass or post them through the Rectory letterbox.

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.

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

Talk and Mass for New Catholics: Archbishop Richard Moth invites all recently baptised or received into the Catholic Church, with family and friends, to a special Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 20th June, 6:00pm. There will be a talk and gathering from 4:00pm – 5:45pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. For more details or to book a place, scan the QR code or email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call: 020 7798 9152.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 19th to 22nd June - *Listening to the Voice of God in Prayer***:** Led by Fr Bernard Murphy, CFR, Sr Cecilia, CFR and Sr Chiara, CFR. A three-day retreat for women (religious, married or single), based on principles of Ignatian spirituality. The retreat will offer an opportunity to enter into silence, guided by the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, to seek a closer attentiveness to the Lord in one's life. It will be inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, offering input on the discernment of spirits and the disposal of oneself to the will of God. For more info or to book a place, scan the QR code.

Marriage Enrichment Sessions for Married Couples: On Friday 17th July – *Believing in the Promise* & Friday 31st July – *Loving with the help of Grace*. Time: 8:15pm – 9:00pm at Catholic Church of St Peter and St Paul, Clerkenwell, EC1R 1UL

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 St. Aloysius Parish Hall, NW1 1TA from 7:30pm – 8:45pm on Mondays: 13 July, 21 September, and 23 November. To register, please scan the QR code.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This past week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This great feast of the Church particularly concentrates on the central reality of Our Lord's incarnation: the embodiment of the love of God within a human heart. His heart is like ours in all things but sin, yet above that. It burns with a love beyond all that we could comprehend. Love is the beginning and end of all things in our faith, and, indeed, it is the beginning and end of all things as a whole. After all, the God who is "alpha and omega, the beginning and the end" is also simply defined by St John with the words "God is love."

But what is love? Love is a vast, multifaceted phenomenon which ranges from our love for our parents, our love for our friends, our love for strangers and the love with feel for a fiancé or spouse. What unites them all is that, in every case, love means a deep-seated desire for the good of the other.

This is, however, no mere "wishing someone well." No, love is passionate, it is a fire which spurs us on. When we see injustice done to our beloved can, and should, feel a burning thirst for justice. When we see our beloved suffer can, and should wish to move heaven and earth to save them.

None of this, however, means that love need be meek and mild. If a mother were to see her toddler putting his hand into an electrical socket she would naturally cry out and bat the child's hand away from danger. Maybe the child cries, and is frustrated, but the mother knows her duty as a loving parent. This is true for our love of all people: it does not mean we should be weak in the face of error or of people hurting themselves and their souls. We are called to challenge, sometimes, out of love.

Nevertheless, it is important that our love be apparent. Sometimes this is difficult, but when someone knows you love them and care about them they will be much more likely to listen and respond to us. They are more likely to see our help for them as something more than condescension. They may ask "what is this love? Why does this person care about me?" It is there that people begin to see the love of Jesus Christ shining through.

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 Wednesday 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