ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

21st June 2026 ✠ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:30am. NO MASS ON FRIDAY.

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

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 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. 93
Preface II: THE MYSTERY OF SALVATION, pg. 66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

	6/7 June	13/14 June
Envelopes	£ 288.00	£ 148.00
Loose	£ 420.06	£ 374.10
Total	**£ 708.06**	**£ 522.10**

Church Cleaning TEAM 5: S & C Rodrigues (Saturday)

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

St Ignatius 100 Club: This 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.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF FR CHRISTIAN

Thank You and a Request for Prayers

This week I mark the tenth anniversary of my ordination to the sacred priesthood.
I am more grateful than I can easily say for these ten years, and especially for the great privilege of spending six of them here in Sunbury, among the people of St Ignatius.
A priest's life is full of blessings, and one of the greatest has been serving this parish. To be with you to celebrate the sacraments of salvation, and above all to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with you and for you, for the living and the dead.
Please pray for me, that I may continue to be a faithful priest of Jesus Christ, and that I may serve you faith, hope and charity in the years to come.

There will be a Mass to celebrate on
Thursday 25th June at 9:30am.

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.



Father's Day Prayer: Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength, wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: The next one will be on Friday 3rd July 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 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.

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.

EVENTS

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life: On Tuesday 23rd June, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed. For information, contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

VOLUNTEER FAIR: Join Caritas Westminster for our annual Fair, bringing together charities and community organisations from across London & Herts on Saturday 4th July 2026, 3pm - 5pm, Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Ave, SW1P 1QW Discover volunteering opportunities, and find out how you can put your time and talents into action to support others!

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 Jul, 21 Sep, and 23 Nov. To register, please 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

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: On Saturday 1st August 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 12:00–5:00pm (Pilgrim Mass at 12 noon)**.** Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia**.** Coaches (7:30am): Westminster (Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QJ) and Southwark (St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR)**.** Cost: £30 adults | £15 children (under 10) Booking: Scan QR code or contact Nelly: prolifepilgrimage1967@gmail.com

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This Monday the Church in England celebrated the feast of two of our greatest martyrs: St John Fisher and St Thomas More. The legacy of these martyrs, as well as all the other martyrs of the so-called Reformation, is one which we are all a part of. It was by their courage, witness and prayers that our own parish exists, that the Mass is still celebrated in every part of England and that the faith of our fathers has endured "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword."

St John Fisher and St Thomas More are, however, particularly special. This is not only because of how early they were but because of how prominent they were and what such extraordinary lives they led before they made their sacrifice.

St John Fisher was the only one among the bishops of England who remained loyal to the faith in face of persecution. After nearly a thousand years of Catholic England, in a land filled with churches, priests, monks, and pious lay people, the shepherds tasked by God with the government of the Church in England abandoned their posts at the first sign of trouble. Perhaps we should not be surprised that it was St John Fisher who stood firm, however. His spiritual writings are still worth reading today, and his fame as a pastor and spiritual counsellor during his lifetime show the measure of the man.

St Thomas More was also a prominent man: Lord Chancellor of England (effectively Prime Minister). In that task he was famously just and impartial. At a time when bribes were common, he was unusual in refusing all offers. Not only that, he was a famous man of letters, maintaining friendships with many of the great intellectuals of the day, from all over Europe. He pioneered women's education by creating a system for educating his daughters, who became famous for their intelligence, wit and charm.

For both of these men the call of conscience rang clear and loud. They remained loyal subjects of the king till death, but knew that no man, whoever he may be, has the right to force a Christian to abandon his faith. They refused the oath declaring the king "Supreme Head of the Church", for Christ is our only Head and He has placed the governance of the Church into the hands of the bishops, with and under the Successor to St Peter alone.

The words of St Thomas himself best describe his heroic stand: "this indictment [against me] is grounded upon an Act of Parliament, directly repugnant to the Laws of God and his Holy Church, the Supreme Government of which, or of any part thereof, no temporal person may by any Law presume to take upon him, being what right belongs to the See of Rome, which by special prerogative was granted by the mouth of our saviour, Christ himself, to St. Peter, and the Bishops of Rome his Successors only, whilst he lived, and was personally present here on Earth: it is therefore, amongst Catholic Christians, insufficient in Law, to charge any Christian to obey it."

The poignant words put into his mouth by the playwright Robert Dolt echo to us as a true cry for Christian freedom against tyranny: "I am the King's true subject. I pray for him and all the realm. I do none harm. I say none harm. I think none harm. And if this be not enough to keep a man alive, then in good faith I long not to live."

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