ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

5th July 2026 ✠ Fourteenth 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. 99
Preface IV: THE HISTORY OF SALVATION, pg. 67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

	27/28 June
Envelopes	£ 209.00
Loose	£ 310.67
Total	**£ 519.67**

Standing Orders & Contactless
May: £2,571.00 & £699.12

Church Cleaning TEAM 7: Mr and Mrs Kennedy (Saturday)

Lavina will not be available on Mondays & Tuesdays.
Parish queries:sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk,
Bookkeeper (Luciana): sunburyonthamesbk@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES

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

Missio: We are now able to accept foreign currency donations. If you have any unwanted foreign notes or coins at home, even low-value or withdrawn currency such as Deutschmarks or French francs, please consider donating them to Missio. Old UK coins and banknotes are also welcome. Please package donations securely and place them through The Rectory letterbox clearly marked "Missio". If collection is required, please leave a note for Vince Grayson.

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.

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

SEA SUNDAY – Seafarers need you:

SCAN TO DONATE

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

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

In this Sunday's Gospel Our Lord says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." It is one of the most consoling invitations in the whole Gospel.

Christ knows the weight of ordinary human life. He knows the burdens we carry: our responsibilities, our anxieties, our griefs, our temptations, and our sins. Some of these things are visible to others, but many are hidden. We can appear to be coping perfectly well while inwardly feeling tired, worried, or ashamed. It is precisely to people like us that Our Lord says, "Come to me."

Our Lord does not say, "Sort everything out first, and then come to me." He says, "Come to me." We come to him as we are, with our weariness, our sins, our muddle, and our need. The Christian life is not a matter of pretending to be strong. It is a matter of learning where our true strength is found.

At the same time, Jesus does not promise a life without a yoke. He says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." There is still discipleship. There is still obedience. There is still the daily work of loving God and our neighbour. Yet his yoke is easy and his burden light, because he carries it with us. We are not left to struggle on alone.

This is why prayer matters so much. Prayer is not one more task added to an already busy life. Prayer is where we bring the whole weight of life to Christ and allow him to teach us, steady us, and give us rest.

May we hear his invitation again this week: "Come to me." And may we have the humility to go to him, not only when we feel strong, but especially when we know that we are weak.

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.

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