ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

19TH JULY 2026 ✠ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Friday: 9:30am.
No Mass from Monday - Wednesday

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

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Wednesday: 10am - 5pm & 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. 105
Preface VI: THE PLEDGE OF THE ETERNAL PASSOVER, pg. 67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

	11/12 July
Envelopes	£ 139.00
Loose	£ 286.02
Total	**£ 425.02**

Church Cleaning TEAM 2: J O'Connell & J Sellings.

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

SEA SUNDAY – Seafarers need you: Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised **£290.26.** Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

SCAN TO DONATE

Fr Christian's Walk to Canterbury

In Aid of St Ignatius Parish



Fr Christian will undertake a walking pilgrimage in the footsteps of the pilgrims of The Canterbury Tales, travelling from Blackheath to Canterbury Cathedral:

"To Canterbury they wend, the holy blessed martyr for to seek."

The pilgrimage is just over 50 miles and will be completed in a single day. Fr Christian has never attempted anything quite like it before and would be very grateful for the prayers of parishioners throughout the journey and, if possible, their sponsorship.

All the money raised will go towards the repair of the pews in our parish church. The easiest way to donate is by scanning the QR code below.

Please keep Fr Christian in your prayers as he undertakes the journey.

Event Details

Event: Fr Christian's Walk to Canterbury
In aid of: St Ignatius Parish
Date: Monday 27th July 2026
To sponsor, please scan the QR code:

Gift Aid Available, your donation can go further at no extra cost to you.

Thank You

Your generosity strengthens our parish family and supports our shared mission in Christ.

Knit & Knatter: It was wonderful to meet Lincoln Jopp, Conservative MP for Spelthorne, and welcome him to our Knit & Knatter group on Friday 10th July.

We are so proud to be sending 30 blankets to Blankets for London and 58 beanie hats and 13 scarves to Knit for Peace, both charities supporting people experiencing homelessness. Some of us will be visiting Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 1st August to join thousands of other knitters and crocheters in the Big Cathedral Knit which supports Blankets for London.

Please feel free to join us on Monday mornings from 10.00 - 12 noon in the Manning Room for a relaxed and friendly Knit & Knatter, you will be made most welcome.

Repository: The Repository will be open before and after all Masses this weekend. It will then be taking a summer break, reopening at the beginning of September. Have a wonderful summer holiday!

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

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The parable of the wheat and the weeds reminds us that the Church is not a community of the already perfect.

It is easy to imagine that the Church ought to be a place in which everyone is consistently holy, patient, faithful and charitable. When we discover that this is not so, we can become disappointed or even scandalised. Yet Our Lord never suggested that the Church would appear perfectly pure before the end of time. In the field of the kingdom, wheat and weeds grow together.

This does not mean that sin does not matter, or that the Church should become indifferent to wrongdoing. The master in the parable knows perfectly well that the weeds are there. His patience is not blindness. Rather, he warns the servants against trying to bring about a perfect field by their own impatient judgement, lest they damage the wheat as well.

The Church is therefore a place for sinners who are being called to become saints. We come not because we have already arrived, but because we need the grace of God. Every one of us brings weaknesses, failures and habits which still need to be healed. The difference between the Church and the world is not that Christians never sin, but that we know where forgiveness is to be found and whom we must ask to change us.

This should make us patient with one another, but also honest about ourselves. It is often easier to notice the weeds in someone else's life than those growing in our own. The Gospel invites us to leave final judgement to God and to concentrate upon the work of repentance which he asks of us.

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