ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

6TH September 2026 ✠ Twenty-Third 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.
PUBLIC ROSARY: Every Wednesday 10am. All are welcome.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: Wednesday & 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. 125
Preface IV: THE HISTORY OF SALVATION, pg. 67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Thank you for your generous donation
Figures will be provided next week.

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

PARISH NOTICES

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

MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' THANK YOU AND APPEAL:

Fr Philip Amek and Fr Anthony Chantry would like to thank everyone in the parish for the warm welcome they received last weekend.

If you did not get chance to take a Red Box and you wish to do so, or you would like to find out more about Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, please speak to Vince Grayson, our Local Secretary, or contact Parish Office. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit at missio.org.uk/redbox, or scan the QR code. Forms and further information are also available at the back of the church

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

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026-2027:
First Holy Communion is for children currently in *Years 3 and 4,* and
Confirmation is for young people currently in *Years 9 and 10.*

Please keep an eye on the *Parish Newsletter* for further updates, including registration information, deadlines and full programme details. *Online registration* for both programmes will be available through the Parish Website once the dates have been finalised. Please have your *child's Baptism Certificate* ready.

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

There are two easy temptations when someone has done wrong. The first is to say nothing to them, while saying plenty about them to everybody else. The second is to decide that it is none of our business and simply look the other way. The readings this Sunday tell us that neither response is Christian.

In the first reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for his people. He has a duty to warn them when they are heading towards danger. In the Gospel, Our Lord gives his disciples a similar responsibility: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone." Jesus does not tell us to gossip, to humiliate the offender publicly, or to gather supporters for our side. He tells us to speak first to the person concerned, privately and honestly, in the hope of winning him back.

This is not easy. We often avoid such conversations because they are awkward, or because we fear giving offence. At other times, we may be rather too eager to correct others, especially when we are angry or convinced of our own righteousness. Christian correction must never be an excuse for interference, cruelty or self-importance. Its purpose is not to win an argument, but to win back a brother or sister.

St Paul gives us the key in the second reading: "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour." Genuine love does not ignore behaviour, which is harming another person, damaging a family, or endangering a soul. Sometimes love requires us to speak. But it also determines how we speak: quietly, patiently and with humility, remembering that we ourselves are sinners in need of correction and mercy.

Before correcting someone else, therefore, we should pray. We should ask whether the matter is truly serious, whether we are the right person to raise it, and whether we are acting for their good rather than merely giving vent to our irritation. If we do speak, we should do so directly and privately, leaving the other person's dignity intact and remaining ready to listen as well as to talk.

Our Lord's aim is always reconciliation. He does not wish us to expose one another, but to recover one another. In a world which alternates between public condemnation and complete indifference, Christians are called to a better way: truth spoken with love, correction offered with humility, and mercy which never gives up hope.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Bridget Stenning, Terese Jones, 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