ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

13th September 2026 ✠ Twenty-Fourth 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. 128
Preface V: CREATION, pg. 67

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Collection	22/23 Aug	29/30 Aug	5/6 Sep
Envelopes	£ 209.00	£ 211.51	£ 308.86
Loose	£ 200.69	£ 412.00	£ 388.76
Total	**£ 409.69**	**£ 623.51**	**£ 697.62**

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

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

RED BOX HOLDERS: Thanks to all who took a Red Box during the Missio appeal weekend on 22-23 August. Thank you for your generous donation of **£192.48** towards Missio. Every 4-6 months the contents will be collected and sent to Missio, so keep looking out for announcements in this newsletter! If your Red Box gets too full it can be emptied by arrangement - please speak to Vince Grayson at the 6pm Mass or send him a note via the Parish Office. The autumn issue of *Mission Today* has been delivered to all Red Box holders living in Sunbury; holders living outside Sunbury should collect their copy from the Missio display in the church porch. If you missed the appeal weekend and would like a Red Box in your home, please complete a Red Box Request form available at the back of the church and pass it to Vince Grayson as above. A big thank you to all our Red Box holders for supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission.

First Holy Communion 2026-27:
This course is only for children in **Year 3 or 4.** Online registration will open next weekend, 19/20 September, via the Parish Website. Please don't worry, just keep an eye on the *Parish Newsletter* for further details. Once registration opens, please take your time to complete all the details carefully. Please have your *child's Baptism Certificate* ready and follow the instructions on the online registration form.

Secondary School Transfers 2027 (Year 7):
Appointments with Fr Christian will be available for parents to book via the Parish Website next weekend, 19/20 September. Please continue to check the *Parish Newsletter* for further updates. The closing date for on-time secondary school applications is *31st October 2026.*

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 on Monday mornings from 10am - 12noon in the Manning Room for a relaxed and friendly Knit & Knatter, you will be made most welcome.

Ministers of the Word & Eucharist: The *next* rota is available in the Church Porch and online on the Parish Website under *Parish Groups*.

Family Rosary and Fish & Chips on the first Friday of each month: Next Friday 2nd October – Come and say the Rosary at 6pm in the Church, followed by Fish & Chips. Please place your food order by Wednesday 30th September to Cerys Bow 07884 005 190

Foreign Currency for Missio: So far, we have received an amazing **£118.00** in foreign currency donated to Missio. All currencies and denominations are welcome, including old and withdrawn currencies such as Deutschmarks and French Francs. If you have any leftover holiday money, however small the amount, please consider donating it to Missio. Place your securely packaged foreign currency, clearly marked "Missio", in the Parish Office. If you require collection, please leave a note for Vince Grayson.

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 2026-27: 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) Parish Newsletter: Please check the Parish Newsletter regularly for updates and to find out when appointment slots are released.

3) Booking an Appointment with the Priest: CCP signing is by appointment only. Parents will be able to book an appointment through the online booking system on the Parish Website. Appointments will be available during the following periods:

- *Secondary Transfer (Year 7): September – October (see pg. 1)*
- Reception Admissions: November – January
- Nursery Admissions: February – April

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

Mass for People with Additional Needs: Sacred Heart Church, Teddington warmly invites you to a Mass with special attention to children and adults with additional needs, celebrated by Fr Stephen Beale on Saturday 19th September 2026 at 6.00pm. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments. All are very welcome, especially those with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers. Limited on-site parking. Free parking is available on nearby side roads.

St. Ignatius Catholic Primary School: Is your child due to start Reception in September 2027? You are warmly invited to our Open Events at 9.30am on: Wednesday 30th September, Monday 19th October, Wednesday 18th November, Monday 7th December 2026. To book please go to https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/. If you cannot attend, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative visit. We look forward to welcoming you!

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This coming Monday, the 14th, will be the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is perhaps a peculiar thing that Christians, and Catholics in particular, focus on the Cross so much. We have crucifixes in our churches, our houses and in our school classrooms. It is an image of suffering, an image of death. From the earliest times, however, Christians have exulted in this image. As St Paul says, "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Why? Because it is the ultimate symbol of both God's loving compassion and His almighty power. Through the apparent defeat of the Cross, Christ conquers sin and death. Such is God's power that He makes the very instrument of death the means of our salvation.

When we look upon the Cross, we see before us the utter beauty of God's humility: that He who made heaven and earth should stoop to become like us, to be born like us, to live like us, to suffer like us, and to die as we all will die. And further yet, we see the lengths that God will go to for us, for love of us alone. "Greater love hath no man than this, to lay down his life for his friends," says our Lord. In another place Scripture is also explicit: "Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Many people also find deep comfort in the image of the Cross because it is the unbreakable sign of God's compassion. By this I mean the word literally: compassion means to suffer with. While God is almighty and transcends all, He has been where we are. When we are sad, when we are anxious, when we are in pain, we know when we look upon the Cross that Jesus Christ is truly 'Immanuel': God with us.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Ted Edgar, Kathleen Mansell, John Shanley, Kathleen Connolly, Pat Brown, Edward Fay, Bridget Stenning, Thérèse Jones.

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