ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

4th October 2026 ✠ Twenty-Seventh 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.



October - The month of Holy Rosary
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
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Collection	**26/27 Sep**
Envelopes	£ 205.70
Loose	£ 449.06
Total	**£ 654.76**

Standing Orders
June: £2,712, July: 2,706, August: 2,494

Contactless Giving
August: £627.65

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

PARISH NOTICES

Certificate of Catholic Practice - Secondary School Transfer 2027 (Year 7): Online appointments with Fr. Christian for the signing of Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) are now closed. Parents who have booked online appointments should follow the guidelines provided on the website under *Schools*. *If you have missed the online appointments, please email the Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk*. The closing date for on-time secondary school applications is *31st October 2026.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27

The course is only for children in Year 3 or Year 4. To register, please visit the Parish Website or scan the QR code. Please take your time to complete all the details carefully.

Please ensure that your ***child's Baptism Certificate*** is either emailed to the Parish Office or posted through the Rectory letter box as soon as the online registration form is completed and before the registration deadline.

Please note that the ***Parents' Introductory Meeting*** will take place on Tuesday, 3rd November at 6pm. The ***Reconciliation book*** will be issued and payments will be processed on the same day. More information will be available soon.

If you experience any difficulties completing the online form, please email, Parish Office at sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk and await further instructions. All email enquiries will be responded to on Thursdays.
The registration forms will close on **Wednesday, 14th October.**

Important: Beware of Fraudulent Emails: Parishioners are asked to be aware that fraudulent emails are presently being sent which claim to come from Fr Christian. He has received a copy of one such email, sent from dr.inbox73@libero.it. This email address is not his, and these messages are fake. Please do not reply to them, click on any links, or provide any personal or financial information.

St Ignatius 100Club: It's the *October* 100club draw this weekend after 9.30 mass in the Manning Room. Why not come along for the fun of the draw and enjoy and cuppa and a slice of cake. Good Luck to all our members.

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.

Missio – Foreign Currency & Red Boxes: All currencies, including old and withdrawn currencies, are welcome. Please donate any leftover holiday money, however small, by securely packaging it, marking it "Missio", and leaving it in the Parish Office. Red Boxes are collected every 4–6 months. For collections, please contact Vince Grayson at the 6pm Mass or through the Parish Office. **To *request a Red Box*,** please complete a form at the back of the church and place it in the Rectory letter box. *Mission Today* is available in the church porch for Red Box holders outside Sunbury. Thank you to all our supporters for your continued generosity to Missio!

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: December – January
- Nursery Admissions: February – April

4) For Admissions to Other Year Groups (Years 1–6 and Years 8–Sixth Form): Please email the Parish Office directly to request an appointment: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

EVENTS

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection, if you are able to do so. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The CAFOD envelope available in the church porch or scan the QR code on the poster.

Prisoners' Sunday – 11 October 2026: On Prisoners' Sunday, we are invited to pray for prisoners, their families and all those affected by imprisonment. PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) works with prisoners and their families, offering support, hope and practical help during difficult times. Please remember prisoners, their families, victims of crime and all those affected by the criminal justice system in your prayers. If you would like to make a donation, please find the envelopes and poster at the back of the church.

Knife Crime Reduction Forum: Small acts, wider impact - what can we do about knife crime? Thursday 22nd October, 7-8.30pm. Caritas Westminster, the Justice & Peace team of St Mellitus, Tollington Park, and Operation Forgiveness are hosting their second online event on knife crime. This session will explore practical ways parishes and schools can take action. More details and to sign up, scan the QR code

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

The parable in today's gospel is one which has a clear meaning in the context of Our Lord's own day, but we would be mistaken to think it is not also addressed to all of us today.

Let us first look at the meaning of the parable in the context of Our Lord's own day. The symbolism Our Lord uses picks up the symbolism used in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, which we heard in the first reading, among other places in the Old Testament. The vineyard is a symbol of Israel, and her destiny as the garden in which the fruit of human salvation will be brought forth. The owner is, of course, God Himself and the tenants are the people of Israel, particularly their leaders. The servants sent to the tenants are the prophets. With all these symbols understood we can now see that Our Lord is clearly addressing those who had ignored the message of the prophets and, indeed, would soon rise up and kill God the Son Himself, for repeating the message of salvation. The master is entitled, therefore, to take this vineyard away and give it to others. The leaders will be replaced with the new leaders, the apostles. The rest of the people, however, are not replaced. Rather, in the bounty of His mercy, God goes further than simply accepting them, even after all that has happened, He wishes to open the gates of the vineyard to all the people of the world, to welcome people of every nation to the table of the Lord.

This message is not, however, merely limited to Our Lord's own context. It has its own applications in every age, including our own. We, the members of the Church of today, are just as prone to ignoring the promptings of God and departing from the way He has laid out for us as any ancient Israelite. Indeed, we have less of an excuse as we have the message of Christ! This parable is, therefore, also a call to repentance for us. When do we ignore or even oppose what we know is right? What we know, in Christ, we are called to? Do we fail to pray? Fail to try to keep humble before God? Do we allow our vices to grow and our virtues to wither? From time to time we are all guilty of these and many other faults. But we can never despair because we have a God who has sent His only Son, who has let that Son die for each and every one of us, who would do it all again if He had to. A God such as this also always open to our return to Him.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:

Ted Edgar, Kathleen Mansell, John Shanley,
Kathleen Connolly, Bridget Stenning, Thérèse Jones.

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