ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

11th October 2026 ✠ Twenty-Eighth 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.

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR CONFESSION

MASS BOOK THIS SUNDAY *Year A*

Order of Mass: pg.7
Hymns: see hymn board
Reading and Prayers: pg. 140
Preface I: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD pg.66

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Collection	**3/4 October**
Envelopes	£ 245.00
Loose	£ 464.22
Total	**£ 709.22**

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

Contactless Giving
August: £627.65

Church Cleaning TEAM 6: J Rodrigues, C Lobo & A Vadakathara (Wednesday)

*Please Note: **Lavina** will not be available on Mondays and Tuesdays.*
*For bookkeeping enquiries, **Luciana**: sunburyonthamesbk@rcdow.org.uk*

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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

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.**

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day! Our parish raised £122 to help more children stay in school.

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:

- 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

Prisoners' Sunday: TODAY, 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. 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, 7pm-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.

A Day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026, 9.45am to 5.00pm. The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

This coming Friday, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. St Margaret Mary was a nun who lived in seventeenth-century France. At that time, the Church in France was terribly afflicted by a movement known as Jansenism. One of the worst aspects of this heresy, condemned by the Pope, was its extreme legalism. They believed, for example, that even repentant sinners should sometimes undergo long periods of severe penance before they could receive absolution in Confession.

During her many hours of prayer, St Margaret Mary experienced a series of visions of Our Lord, in which He revealed the extraordinary love and mercy of His Sacred Heart, and His desire that all people should know and return that love. In these visions, Our Lord "promised her that all those who rendered honour to His Heart would be endowed with an abundance of heavenly graces."

Because of this she spent the rest of her life spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart, and opposing the Jansenists by telling the world that the Sacred Heart burnt with love for us and desired above all things to save us. Salvation was not just for the few. No! It was for all who loved Our Lord back, who sought to make their own hearts love as His does. As Our Lord reminds us in today's Gospel, everyone is invited to the wedding feast, but we must still accept that invitation and respond to it. In this St Margaret Mary called so many within the Church back to one of the most central insights of our Catholic faith: that the Church is a single body, the Body of Christ, and just as no man would willingly cut off parts of his own body, so Christ does not desire to lose any of those who belong to Him. His desire is always to draw us back to Himself, however far we may have wandered.

Another important aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart is that it is a firm reminder of the humanity of Christ, and that the love He has for us is not only divine, but is also fully human. The same feelings of love which we experience in our own hearts were present in His, though in Him they existed with a perfection and intensity far beyond anything we can imagine. Again, this helps us to see how mistaken it is to imagine Christ as a distant and unfeeling judge, eager to condemn us rather than to save us. Like any loving human heart, His is moved by our sufferings and rejoices in the good that we do.

So fruitful has the spread of this devotion been that, in 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the whole human race to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Indeed, earlier this year, the bishops of England and Wales agreed that our own countries should also be formally consecrated to the Sacred Heart. This is a reminder that devotion to the Sacred Heart is not simply a pious practice belonging to the past, but a living expression of one of the most fundamental truths of our faith: that God loves us, desires our salvation, and calls each one of us to respond to His love with our own.

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