ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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N E W S L E T T E R

22ND NOVEMBER 2026 ✠ CHRIST THE KING

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. 158
Preface: CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE pg. 68

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation

Collection	**14/15 Nov**
Envelopes	£ 168.96
Loose	£ 420.64
Total	**£ 589.60**

Standing Orders, Online & Contactless
Oct: £2,608.00, £1,204.58

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation 2027: Teenagers in Years 9 & 10 are invited to join the Confirmation course by registering via the Parish Website or please scan 'QR Code'. Please keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for updates. The programme will begin in January 2027.

New Mass Books: From next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, we will be using the new books.

Walk with Me: *A Journey of Prayer Advent 2026 booklets* are available in the Church Porch for £1.50. Please place your donations in the basket provided or pay via contactless – REPOSITORY OPTION.

✝ *November – The Month of the Holy Souls* ✝

During November, we remember in prayer our deceased family members, friends and benefactors.
Blue envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please enclose a list of names, together with your donation, and return the envelope to Fr Christian or post it through the Rectory letterbox.
All Masses during November will be offered for the souls on our November Dead List.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026-27:

- *First session:* Sun 22nd Nov, 10:30am-11:20am, Loyola Centre. *Next session:* Sun 6th December.
- *Reconciliation Book:* Please pay via the parish website and collect pre-labelled books from Parish office.
- *Session Dates:* Available on the parish website. First Confession date has changed.
- *Mass Attendance Card:* Please carry you AC to Mass every weekend to collect your sticker. See page 2 for details.
- *Queries:* Email: sunburyonthames@rcdow.org.uk

Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) - Reception School 2027:
Parents are invited to book an appointment with Fr Christian to have their CCP signed. Appointments will take place during the *first week of December* and must be booked by **Thursday 26 November** via the Parish website *(homepage or Schools section)* or by scanning the QR code. Please note: The closing date for on-time applications to Primary schools is 15 January 2027.

CHRISTMAS GOODS SALE: On Sunday 29th November after 9.30am Mass. This weekend is the final week for your non-perishable foods and beauty products for the Christmas Hampers. There will be tickets on sale after all masses again this weekend. Please don't forget your cash next week we have delicious cakes and biscuits and delightful Christmas decorations for sale. There will also be the Grand Draw for at least 6 BIG food and drink hampers, 2 beauty hampers and 2 stables complete with beautiful knitted crib figures and animals. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible of you there!

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection:
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. We have raised **£597.98.** Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is

still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or scan the QR code. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

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 foreign notes and coins, including withdrawn currencies, are welcome. Please donate any unwanted foreign money to *Missio* by securely packaging it, marking it *"Missio"* and dropping it into 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.

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.

First Holy Communion - Mass Attendance card:

- Stickers are issued to FHC children before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. The child should be present for Mass with his/her card.
- Sticker will not be issued if your child is not present for Mass, has forgotten to bring the card to Mass, has missed to attend Mass or collect sticker.
- Please make sure that the Attendance Card has the *Child's full name*, this will help the Ushers to identify the card and in case its lost. If you find a lost card, please drop it into the Rectory letter box or give it to Fr Christian or the Ushers.

FR CHRISTIAN WRITES

Today is the great Solemnity of Christ the King. Throughout the Scriptures Our Lord is referred to as "the king of kings" and royal imagery abounds. But what do we really mean in a concrete way when we say Christ is king? Christ tells us in one place that his is not a kingdom of this world. So, perhaps we should take from this that the kingdom is something only for the future? Perhaps God will do it in his own time? No. Christ also says "I am a king... and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

When the Bible or the Church speaks of "the world" it can mean more than one thing. On one level there is the world in which we all live, created by God to be good, and which Christ said he "came not to condemn, but to save." But "the world" can also be a general term for what one might loosely call "the system", all those things which are products of the fall: greed, envy, faithlessness, institutional injustice and so on. Christ's kingdom is certainly not of that world. But it is still very real, and Christ the King demands the obedience of all peoples and all governments to the law of love.

What does this concretely mean for us? How should we respond to this? We must not leave our faith at home when we are in the public forum or make decisions about right and wrong in the world. There is a natural law, written into the human heart and brought to fulfilment in Christ's law of love, which is binding on the consciences of all people. In short, we should always act in our public as well as in our private lives according to our conscience, which must be properly informed by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Christ. What it really centres around is love. If we truly love one another, we will try to remember every single person as someone loved by Christ and by us, as people dedicated to building up Christ's kingdom.

Yes, we must think of our families and those we have to look after first. But we also need to act for the good of all, with special concern for the most vulnerable in our society. This is what the Church calls "the preferential option for the poor". It means having a particular concern for those who cannot afford the basic necessities of life, the disabled and the unborn. This is part of putting Christ's law of love into practice and so building his kingdom.

This law of love is one of the reasons why Catholicism has always opposed governments which support one group against the good of another group: for example, racist governments which support one racial group at the expense of another, or governments entirely in the pockets of the rich, or communist governments.

At the moment I am sure we can think of many places where this law of love is not obeyed. The oppression of the people of China and the treatment of so many civilians in the war in Ukraine are prime examples of resistance to Christ's law of love for all people, of resistance to his kingdom.

So, let us recommit ourselves today to acting in our private and public lives in accordance with Christ's law of love and so build up his kingdom.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for our recently departed parishioners:
Ted Edgar, Kathleen Connolly, Bridget Stenning, Thérèse Jones, Claudia Balesteiro, Anthony Cooper.

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