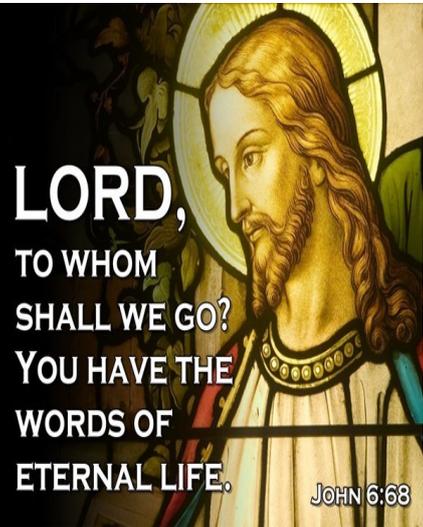


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**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time: (Year B) 22nd August 2021**

Fr John Warnaby	Asst Priest (based at St Joseph's)	Tel: 0208 428 0088
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**LORD,  
TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?  
YOU HAVE THE  
WORDS OF  
ETERNAL LIFE.**

JOHN 6:68

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st August	Vigil: 21st Sunday	6.00pm	Catherine O'Sullivan
Sunday 22nd August	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the parish
Thursday 26th August	Feria	10.30am	John Crowle RIP
Friday 27th August	St Monica	9.15am	Phil Carey
Saturday 21st August	Vigil: 22nd Sunday	9.15am	Sheila Butler
		6.00pm	People of the parish

**CONFESSIONS** Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

*Intentions are now booked until September please leave plenty of time if you want a special date*

### Liturgy of the Word: 22nd August 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord & answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste & see that the Lord is good.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Next week:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8, Psalm 14:2-5, James 1:17-18,21-22,27, Mark 8:1-8,14-15,21-23

Fr. Dominic writes: Have you ever had to face your Joshua moment?

It is a temptation, and today, it's the style, to "go with the flow" as they say, to float along with the stream, to live from one day to the next and somehow never make any real fundamental decisions. Some people resist having to decide. They let the choices be made for them by events, by others or by the world around them. They do what others do, they think what others think; they choose what others choose; they say what others say. They especially let the spiritual and moral choices that shape our life and soul be made by the surrounding culture.

In the First Reading we are in the Promised Land but along their journey they have picked up bits and pieces of the cultures they have encountered on the long pilgrimage. Joshua tells them that they have to choose the God of the Exodus or the gods of the surrounding cultures. They have come to the point of a real choice God of the Covenant or walk away. This was their 'Joshua Moment'. This was their line in the sand. This could be seen as a warning to each one of us that, sooner or later, we will come to point of choosing who we will serve or do we walk away.

It may come when we or a loved one is diagnosed with a serious illness. Whom will we serve and trust? It may be when we are face with financial loss because we serve the Gospel. Whom will we trust and serve?

It may be when we hear gossip and innuendo about others and are tempted to join in. It may come in marriage when a person is faced with the need to sacrifice to save the marriage. The sacrifice people make in a marriage to follow Jesus is a 'Joshua Moment'. Have we the Faith and Knowledge to make the right moral and spiritual choices?

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS** To Book log into [carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk) and then select EVENTS.



A big thank you to **Fr Dominic and Fr Tom** who are covering for Carpenters Park South Oxhey whilst Fr John is on holiday.

**The Financials....**

Total offertory for weekend 15/8/21

Envelopes £188.30

Loose Plate £190.85

July Virgin Money Donations via website £56.25

July Monthly Standing Orders: £1249.50

Last Years Standing Orders for July: £681.50



**LOTS OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES STILL TO BE COLLECTED PLEASE!**

Ask a Steward for yours or call in at the Parish Office.

**PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CHOOSE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING ST JOSEPH'S**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Thank you to all of you who support St Joseph's by giving a manageable amount regularly. We need to share with you our current financial situation.

As advised by the Diocese St Joseph's converted the presbytery into two dwellings with the intention of securing the future of the parish by bringing in a steady income. The Diocese supported this work financially and we still have the outstanding loan which is to be paid back by the rental income.

We are sure you will appreciate the coronavirus pandemic and with this outstanding debt has left St Joseph's in a vulnerable position financially. The Church belongs to the people and like any home it carries the same expenditure - which currently is much higher than our income.

It reinforces the notion that the best way to give to St Joseph's is by standing order. All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest.

**Covid Vaccination Clinic South Oxhey  
Wednesday 11, 18 & 25 August  
5pm—7pm**



**TO BOOK YOUR JAB:**

**01923 278181**

**MONDAY –FRIDAY, 9AM–7PM**

**OR JUST WALK IN**

PARISH COUNCIL  
HALL,  
OXHEY DRIVE,  
SOUTH OXHEY

*Pfizer clinic—First dose for over  
18s, or your second dose if 8  
weeks since first jab.*

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION** The Bishops of England and Wales have released a statement which reads 'it is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.'

**The Bishops of England and Wales have advised us that a gradual easing of restrictions is suggested with some ongoing mitigation of risk.**

Care has to be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. The advice from Public Health England is that risk is significantly lower with good ventilation and a face covering. There are key actions which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue.

As long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes (or other means of attendee identification). If an online Mass Booking system is in place, this should continue to be used so that attendees are known.

It is no longer necessary to have one-way systems or other restrictions on movement in churches from this time onward. People should exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion during Mass and should avoid getting too close to each other.

The **offertory collection** can be resumed in church with baskets and pouches, however, it is encouraged to promote online or contactless giving in the churches if possible

- It is recommended that the physical **Sign of Peace** remain suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.
- **Holy Communion** will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.