

Please pray for: Louise and Mary Dykes, Marianne Elliott, Ken and Sheila Green, Melanie Kraan, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Leila Cummings, Terri Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummings, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Breda Connellan, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Leonard Cabral, Keith Murray, Alcinda Ramos, Maria Stella Bastiampillai, Margaret Mulhall, Fr Bryan Jones, Pat Galvin, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** James Flynn, Kathleen Lavin, Pat Hynes, Mary Josephine Michael, Dominic John Kennedy, Mary Ellen Byrne, Arturo Caridade, Laurance D'Colyse, Patrick Paisley, George Williams, Mary Skuse, Mary Turner, Helen Taylor, Mary Teresa Anthony, Charles Hearn and Catherine Bourke.



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

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BOOKING A MASS INTENTION DURING THIS PERIOD

Masses continue to be said in private for the intentions that have been booked each day. If you would like to book a Mass intention you can do so via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk or by phone (020) 8997 3164. Please leave your contact details so that we can confirm which day has been booked. Payment can be made when you visit for private prayer or once we are able to reopen the church for Mass.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

This week in memory of
CATHERINE BOURKE RIP
(Anniversary)

Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her.

MASS INTENTIONS - COLLECTIVE INTENTION MASSES

As public Masses cannot be celebrated at this time, it is generally no longer appropriate for priests to celebrate Mass more than once a day, including on Sundays. This might mean that some Masses which were to be celebrated for a special intention will now not be celebrated. In these situations, and only whilst these very exceptional circumstances continue, it might be necessary for a Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention.

If you have arranged to have a Saturday or Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	20	Julia Heneghan RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday	21	Mary Turner RIP (Anniversary)
		Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE
Monday	22	People of the Parish
Tuesday	23	-
		NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Wednesday	24	NO MASS
Thursday	25	Catherine Bourke RIP (Anniversary)
Friday	26	Shauna Clasby and Peter Byrne
Saturday	27	Alcinda Ramos RIP
		Ss PETER & PAUL
Sunday	28	Mary Turner RIP (Anniversary)

This coming week, on Monday 22nd, we celebrate the feast of **St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More**, martyrs. St. John Fisher is, of course, our patron saint. Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More were martyred by their former patron and friend, Henry VIII after refusing to recognize his claims to spiritual authority over the English Church. Although they loved their king and their lives, St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More loved truth more. They help us understand with their witnesses what it means to love God above all things.

On Wednesday 24th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**. We only celebrate two more nativities; the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of Jesus our Lord. That tells us of the importance of St. John the Baptist. John was set apart for a special role; that of a prophet. John was the forerunner of Christ, he prepared the way for the Messiah. But that came at a cost and like John Fisher and Thomas More, John the Baptist who had also the courage to speak the truth and challenge the system, paid the ultimate price of his own life.

And on Saturday 27th, we celebrate in Westminster the feast of yet another martyr **St. John Southworth**, whose body rests in Westminster Cathedral. He was canonised in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, as one of the Forty martyrs of England and Wales. St. John Southworth came from a Lancashire family, in 1618 he was ordained priest at the English college, Douai in Northern France. After returning to England he appears to have been based in Westminster, where he frequently visited the plague-stricken dwellings of Westminster to administer the sacraments and comfort the sick and the dying. He pleaded guilty to being a priest and was condemned to be hung, drawn and quartered. The Spanish ambassador rescued his body which eventually found its way back to Westminster Cathedral, where a shrine was prepared for him. St. John's relic is the only complete body of a reformation martyr!

As we celebrate the lives of these 4 saints this week, let us ask the Lord to give us the courage, endurance and love he gave to these great saints.

Fr Agustin

THE CHURCH HAS REOPENED

We are glad to, once again, be able to open our doors and you are welcome to come and spend some time in **Individual Private Prayer only at this time.**

It still not possible to celebrate Mass with a congregation, (Fr Agustin will continue to say Mass in private), nor is it possible to have any other form of communally led prayer or adoration, baptisms, weddings or other sacramental services.

The church will be open during these times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

11.00am -1.00pm

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday

Closed

Saturday

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Sunday

10.30am - 12.30pm

To ensure everyone can pray safely, new measures have been introduced and the church will look a little different. Please see last week's newsletter or the front page of our website, for important information before you visit. The key things you need to know are:

- Please use the main front doors to enter the church and the side doors to leave.
- Maintain social distancing at all times. Keep 2m apart.
- Sanitise your hands when you enter and as you leave the church.
- Wear a face covering if you wish.
- Please follow the one-way system that is in operation. Floor signs will help you.
- If you would like to light a candle, a steward will do it for you.
- Do not touch the statues.
- A basket will be available on the sanctuary for your donations and Mass intention envelopes.
- Copies of the weekly newsletter will be available. If you pick one up and then change your mind, please don't put it back. Put it in the bin.
- Unfortunately, there are no toilet facilities as they need to remain closed.

To maintain social distancing, only certain pews can be used. Stewards will be available to guide you a seat.

Also, while the church is open, and weather permitting, the Peace Garden will be open for anyone who might prefer to pray outside.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time before God, whether it is to pray or simply to come and sit in silence in the sacred place of the church.



ST JOHN FISHER - Monday 22nd June

'A god man is not a perfect man; a good man is an honest man, faithful and unhesitatingly responsive to the voice of God in his life'.

- St John Fisher

This Monday we remember our patron saint St John Fisher who, together with St Thomas More, share the 22nd June as their feast day.

St John Fisher was born in Beverley in Yorkshire in 1469. He was the son of a modestly prosperous merchant, Robert Fisher, and his wife, Agnes.

He studied at the University of Cambridge, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1487 and a Master of Arts degree in 1491. That same year, he became an ordained priest. After holding a number of other positions he eventually became chancellor in 1504 - a post that he held for the rest of his life. As chancellor, Fisher brought together leading scholars from across Europe to teach at Cambridge, including the renowned scholar Erasmus.

By this time he was gaining a reputation as a scholar and a pious, humble man. He was appointed bishop of Rochester and was there for 31 years. He also served as tutor to Prince Henry (later Henry VIII).

Despite his reputation, he soon encountered conflict when Henry VIII, his former student, became king. John Fisher spoke out against King Henry and his views on the church and divorce during the English Reformation and in 1534 was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

In May 1535, he was made a cardinal by Pope Paul III, much to the annoyance of King Henry, and was soon put on trial and charged with treason. He was executed on 22nd June 1535 for refusing to accept the King as Supreme Head of the Church of England and upholding the Catholic Church's doctrine of papal supremacy.

John Fisher remained calm and strongly committed to his faith, right up to his last moments, something which was noted by those who witnessed his death. His devotion and sacrifice resulted in his canonization on 19th May 1935, by Pope Pius XI.

Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us St John Fisher as an example of holiness.

Help us to imitate his desire to serve you as fully as he did. Amen

St John Fisher - Pray For Us!

FATHER'S DAY - Sunday 22nd June

Let us pray for all fathers this Sunday...

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for our earthly fathers, those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection to their families and guidance to their children.

We thank you for our priests, bishops and cardinals, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people.

Assist all fathers and all Christian men, that through your Grace, they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

We also remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers, who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.