



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,  
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**



Sun ☒ 06 Sept	<b>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Taylor Family Intentions Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish In memory of Michael O'Reilly RIP
Mon 07 Sept	Feria	No Mass	
Tue 08 Sept	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am	Jim Ryan RIP
Wed 09 Sept	Feria	9.30am	Joan Kaminski RIP
Thur 10 Sept	Feria	9.30am	Ken Homeward RIP
Fri 11 Sept	Feria	9.30am	For the unemployed
Sat 12 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	10.00am	For all in our hospitals, hospices and nursing homes
Sun ☒ 13 Sept	<b>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Brendish Family Juan Pablo Sieburger RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** currently offered in private.

**Exposition and Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration):** currently suspended.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun, for practical reasons, confessions cannot be heard before Mass at this time.

**Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for September:** Respect of the planet's resources: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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 All Hall Bookings: Via parish office (all bookings are currently suspended)

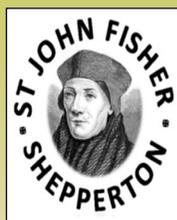
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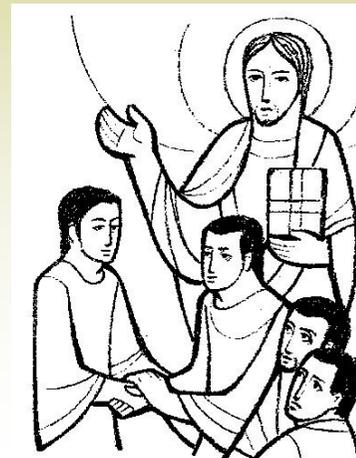


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IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Week 23 -YR 2  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 3

**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**

If he listens to you,  
you have won back  
your brother.

*No man is an island...* How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our debt of mutual love. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love and kindness is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**Please wear your face covering in church**



**WELCOME** to the Holy Mass today. The Lord has been waiting for you. This news sheet gives you some information for the week ahead. Please take it home with you for reference. There are also weekly sheets available for children called 'LOOK' to take away. To keep us Covid Secure, we are not permitted to reuse Newsletters or Mass sheets, so please do not leave them in church after you have attended Mass. Have a great week ahead.

**SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH ...** devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden that devotion to the blessed Virgin Mary's seven sorrows would bring great graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Marys whilst also meditating on the seven sorrows of Mary which are:



1. The prophecy of Simeon (Lk. 2:34-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Mt. 2:13-21)
3. The loss of Jesus for three days (Lk. 2:41-50)
4. The carrying of the cross (Jn. 19:17)
5. The crucifixion of Jesus (Jn. 19:18-30)
6. Jesus taken down from the cross (Jn. 19:39-40)
7. Jesus laid in the tomb (Jn. 19:39-42)

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son, as he gave his life to save the world, feeling the sorrow of his passion and death as only a mother can. This devotion is offered during Lent, but especially during September when we keep the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th - the day after the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**THANK YOU:** to Tom, Jim and Keiron who have generously given their time recently tending the outside of our church. They've been weeding, strimming, cutting and shearing around the whole curtilage of the church. Thanks also to our rostered cleaners, sacristan Daphne and door stewards, who attend every day the church is

open to support parishioners and keep the church Covid Secure. The load is always easier to manage if we have more people helping out in various ways so if you are interested in volunteering at SJF please let us know.

**UPDATE ON COMING TO MASS:** Thank you for arriving in good time, this will help in finding a seat with the current restrictions before Mass commences. Thank you for using the one way system — this is really important and applies to everyone in church, wherever you sit. Please sit in the spaces indicated with a tick ✓ If seats are available in the middle of the bench, please use these first, this avoids blocking a row. Families who live together can sit on any unoccupied bench together, anywhere in the church. Stepping over parishioners or asking them to 'move up' is contrary to the guidance given for your safety. Seating is provided on a first come, first served basis, you do not have to book a seat. **Face coverings are compulsory in church, unless you are exempt.** Please put your face covering on before you enter the building, this is for the protection of others as well as yourselves. We worship the Lord as a community of believers so all Masses attended in person have equal value, come when you feel able - we will be glad to see you again.

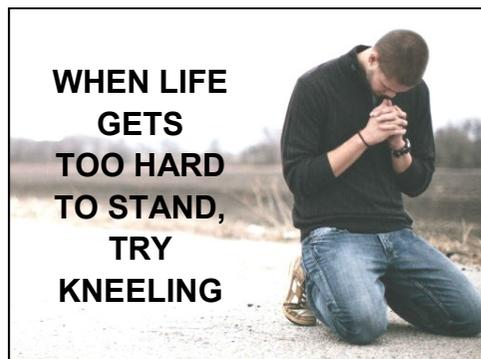
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**IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL** please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records. The current Covid 19 restrictions mean that parish clergy are not permitted to visit the wards, however the Catholic hospital chaplain will see you if requested, just ask the nurse in charge on the ward.

**HOLY HARDWARE:** The Repository, situated by the church entrance is open again! Please be aware of social distancing if you are browsing for Mass cards, gifts etc. It's self service, so just place any money for purchases in the money box on

the wall next to the water stoop. If you need anything but can't find it, let us know and we'll do what we can to get it for you.

**NEWSLETTER NEWS:** If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter directly into your email box, as soon as it is available, simply email us from the email address you wish us to use at: [Shepperton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Shepperton@rcdow.org.uk) In the subject box just write 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER' and we will add you to the list of recipients. As always, your details will be kept securely in accordance with general data protection regulations. You do not need to be a parishioner at St John Fisher or a Catholic, in order to join the emailing list. If you are interested in what's going on at SJF and want to keep in touch - that's a good enough reason. We are sorry we cannot post out paper copies via Royal Mail, this would be prohibitive in terms of postage, paper and printing. We look forward to hearing from you.



**INTENTIONS:** We can still arrange Mass intentions and have space available. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact Fr Shaun.

**DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** During the earlier part of the lockdown our Steering Group for the development of the hall and church continued to view sets of drawings from our architect and video presentations online, about possible ideas going forward. The Steering group offered their feedback on several plans and we are now down to two possible sets of plans for the future. Eventually we will put a single plan to parishioners to decide on. Presently the funding bodies, whom we were planning to approach, have either re-

designated funds to Covid 19 projects or have closed their funding programmes temporarily. So currently we are on hold. Our Diocesan colleagues, Keeley and Alison will continue to look for grant funding streams to support a future refurbishment/development. We can remain optimistic that we will be able to move forward, we just need to be patient. In these challenging days there is still much which is good and positive going on behind the scenes. May our patron, St John Fisher, pray for us and for our plans going forward.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES:** Thank you, if you use our weekly envelopes for your offering to the Lord and his church. The week before lockdown we started distributing new boxes of envelopes but we still have 25 boxes in the office awaiting collection, just ask when you come to Mass for yours. Alternatively please let Traci know via email: [sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk) and she will get them to you. Thank you to all who are giving through your debit card, using our new card reader (*Collectin*) in church. You simply decide on your donation by gently touching the screen and then tap your card on the card reader, just as in a shop. Recently we introduced the *Virgin Money Giving* page on our web and micro site pages. This will help those who are staying at home to continue to support SJF church. Just look out for the red button on the donate page: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Shepperton/donate> Whatever way you support us - thank you!

**HALL USE:** We have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups. This includes continuation of catechetical programmes for First Holy Communion and for Holy Confirmation. The Covid Secure requirements for halls are complex, we can only open when it is safe to do so for all. Please bear with us.

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

Anne D'Ath

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER:**

Michael O'Reilly, Fred Manning,  
Christina Maksymiuw, Clive Ross,  
Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross, Sheila Thompson,  
Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney,  
Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**