



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



Sun ☒ 27 Sept	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Peter Gammond RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For the intentions of Fabio Fernandes
Mon 28 Sept	Feria	No Mass	
Tue 29 Sept	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels	9.30am	John Whitehead RIP
Wed 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor	9.30am	For a private intention
Thur 01 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus. Virgin & Doctor	9.30am	For parishioners continuing to shield at home
Fri 02 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels	9.30am	For the work of our emergency services
Sat 03 Oct	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ☒ 04 Oct	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For the intentions of Ryan Zalman

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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Sunday 27th September 2020

**26th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 26 -YR 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



HOLY MASS THIS SUNDAY

We all need God's forgiveness
and it was for this reason that
Christ came humbling himself to
accepting death on a cross.
When we renounce sin
we will truly live.

Once a sinner, always a sinner. That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

Thank you for wearing your face covering in church



WELCOME to the Holy Mass today. 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.

CHECKING IN WITH NHS TRACK AND TRACE: you can now use the NHS phone App to check-in when entering the church. Just scan the QR Code with your mobile phone or simply give your name and contact number to one of the door stewards. Your written down details will be held by us in accordance with general data protection regulations and shredded after 21 days. If you are attending as a family or a couple, we just need to record one contact name and number. As we have no administration support in the office at the moment, this method of collecting your details is the most speedy and efficient, however by far the best way to check in is via the NHS phone App.



YOU ALL COUNT: We continue this week with the national annual Mass count, taking place at all weekend Masses in every Catholic church over the coming weeks - even during the pandemic. The count measures Sunday attendance for each parish, and across the diocese. The figures are then sent to the Vatican to measure attendance world wide.

COMING TO MASS Whilst the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still lifted you might prefer to come to Mass during the weekday? Whenever you come, thank you for arriving in good time, this helps with checking in for NHS Track and Trace and in finding a seat before Mass commences. Thank you for using the one way system — this 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. 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. When queuing to receive Holy Communion, please keep the 1 metre distance between you and the person in front of you. The duration of the Mass is approximately 25 minutes. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER PRINTING: Our photocopier broke down last weekend and we are still awaiting the delivery of new parts. This newsletter is printed on a desk printer, so the quality is not as crisp. Hopefully we shall be back to normal soon.

KATRINA LAVERY WRITES: As I am sure you are all aware we had to cancel the 2020 pilgrimage to Lourdes which was extremely disappointing for so many people. I am keeping everything crossed that we will be able to have a Pilgrimage in 2021 and optimistically have started planning our fundraisers for the coming year. Our fundraisers will have to take a very different form this year in order to stay COVID safe and we are trying to be as creative as possible, so for the 1st time in our Lourdes fundraising history we have a team who are going to be running the London Marathon. Our very athletic friend Fran has been running the London Marathon for 24 years raising funds for a variety of different charities. This year Fran has volunteered to run for the S.J.F Lourdes Fund. The 2020 London Marathon will be a virtual event meaning that we have been able to put together a team of runners to run alongside her. Each volunteer will run / walk a mile to try and raise as much money as possible for the Lourdes fund, which enables us to take assisted pilgrims and their volunteer helpers to Lourdes.

For more information about the event, who is taking part and how to sponsor the team please see the poster in church porch. Additionally you can check out this link for more information: https://www.gofundme.com/f/lourdes-team-marathon?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5

TRACI BLUNDELL, OUR BOOK KEEPER WRITES: Thank you to all of our kind parishioners for their

continuing donations and especially those who are heroically making up lost weeks. We are very grateful. If you are doing this with envelopes, it would be perfect if only the most recent envelope is used for the entire donation and unused envelopes discarded. If you would still like to collect envelopes for this year, please contact me. If you have set up a new standing order or have changed address, please inform the office if you haven't already done so. Many thanks.

CALLING OUT... Since reopening, following lockdown, we have regularly asked for more volunteer stewards to help to sanitise the church after each Mass and now, to assist in collecting details for NHS Track and Trace. We have been fortunate with help and this has enabled us to open for our usual Mass schedule, especially when other churches have remained closed. We now urgently need additional support or we may have to reduce the number of Masses we offer. It's now up to you. Can you help?

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS: A Certificate of Catholic Practice, confirms that you are practising your faith. A certificate can only be issued if there is evidence of this practice i.e. regular attendance at Mass, prior to the lockdown. A Baptismal certificate will also be required when making your request. Important guidance can be found here: <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/admissions-guidance/> The applications deadline for secondary transfer online is 31st Oct. Paper applications would be appreciated at schools before half term on Fri 23rd. The primary school deadline is 15th Jan.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE is offering two virtual open evenings for entry to year 7 in 2021, on Tuesday 13th Oct, 2020 at 6:30pm and 7:30pm respectively. Details to sign up are available on the college website <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk>.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY A promotional video of the school and St Paul's Sixth Form will be available to view around mid-October.

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHERTSEY will be holding Open Days on Tuesday, 6th Oct 9.30am & 1.30pm and Thursday, 8th Oct 9.30am & 1.30pm to which all prospective parents

are very welcome. But you will need book a time slot. on 01932 562251 The meetings will take place in the school hall, so we ask that you please wear a mask or face covering. There will not be a tour of the school, but a video of the school has been created and this will be shown.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC... possibly, maybe, unsure? Please do a chat with Fr Shaun.

IT IS A BEAUTIFUL GIFT to request a Mass intention on a specific date for Mass to be offered for a loved one, for a birthday, a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died. Mass cards are available from the repository stall for all occasions. Please see Fr Shaun to request your Mass. The suggested diocesan Mass offering (stipend) is £10 or whatever you can afford. Your offering will help enormously in supporting the mission of our church.

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.

SEWING BEES: we need your help to make some simple rectangular (Lavabo) cotton cloths for use on the altar during Mass. If you also happen to have an embroidery gadget on your sewing machine to embroider a simple cross - even better. Ordinarily these are very expensive to buy, so your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fr Shaun or Daphne our Sacristan.

HOLY HARDWARE: The Repository, situated by the church entrance is open again!

APOLOGIES: our toilets and church hall remain closed.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

John Whitehead, Theresa Gerou, Doris Hood

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

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