



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



Sun ☒ 04 Oct	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jonathan Lynch RIP For the intentions of Ryan Zalman
Mon 05 Oct	St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	No Mass	
Tue 06 Oct	Feria	9.30am	For Paddy Brady RIP
Wed 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	For Nora, John & Joan RIP
Thur 08 Oct	Feria	9.30am	For Deirdre & Edward Walsh - Sick
Fri 09 Oct	St John Henry Newman Priest	9.30am	For all Christians
Sat 10 Oct	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	10.00am	For our parishioners continuing to shield at home
Sun ☒ 11 Oct	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Brian Rhoades RIP Patrick Farrell RIP

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 October: Evangelisation— The Laity's Mission in the Church :
We pray that by the virtue of Holy Baptism , the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church

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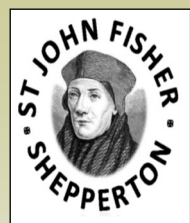
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**Sunday 4th October 2020
27th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 27 -YR 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**
He will lease the
vineyard to other
tenants

Today, for the third week running, the gospel account comes from the vineyard. Frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned and cared for, if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heart breaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending them and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

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. Thank you for your cooperation.



THANK YOU to those parishioners who have joined the stewarding team for our church. Their volunteering ensures that we are Covid Safe compliant, assisting with Track and Trace check-in and sanitising. Without this team in place we would not be permitted to open. Thank you to the whole team.

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: this week, in aid of the Lourdes Fund, we are selling home made quince jam for £2 and red washable face coverings at £5.

THANK YOU to Gerry and his colleague who carried out repair work in the hall this past week

JUST RETURNING AFTER LOCKDOWN? The Holy Mass is much shorter than usual, without singing.

The second reading on a Sunday, the Intercessions and the sharing of the peace are omitted. The offertory collection is suspended, but a green offertory bucket for your weekly offering and envelopes is on the altar rail as you leave - Thank you for your support. When lighting votive candles please use the sanitiser before and after using the tapers. Single use Newsletters and Mass sheets are available, but please take them home with you when you leave.

Thank you for using the one way system — this applies to everyone in church, wherever you sit. If you can use the benches at the front of the church first - this helps others to see where space is available more quickly. 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. 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 yourself. When queuing to receive Holy Communion (or a blessing), please keep the 1 metre distance between you and the person in front of you. We are glad to have you back with us.

SERVICES IN CHURCH: The most recent guidance from the Government and Diocese re: life cycle ceremonies, limit people attending weddings in church to a maximum of 15. Funerals are limited to a maximum of 30 people (but the rule of six applies to funeral wakes/Receptions afterward). Those attending Holy Baptism are limited to a maximum of 6. These numbers do not include those working in the church, i.e. the Priest, Sacristan and Stewards.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Our children who have been waiting so long for their delayed First Holy Communion resume their preparation this month, in time for their special Mass on Saturday morning, 7th November. Parents have been emailed this past week with details. If you have not received my email please check your junk files. We are not registering children for FHC next year, for the time being. Fr Shaun

YOU ALL COUNT: We're in the third of four weeks of the national annual Mass count, at all weekend

Masses in every Catholic church. The figures are sent to the Diocese and collated by the Vatican to give a world wide count of practising Catholics.

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-marathonutm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5 Thank you.

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/> Contact schools for deadlines.

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 book phone 01932 562251

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 ask staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your records. Current restrictions mean that parish clergy are not permitted to visit but the Catholic hospital chaplain will see you if requested.

APOLOGIES: our toilets and church hall remain closed.

OCTOBER is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our public recitation of the Rosary is suspended, but we encourage you to pray the Rosary in your home with a particular intention for an end to the pandemic and the suffering of all affected. May Our Lady of Sorrows intercede for us.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

John Whitehead, Theresa Gerou

ANNIVERSARIES THIS OCTOBER:

Frank Nagle, Peter King, Christopher Moran, Kitty Burden, Stella Loftus, Peter Willson, Anna Casey Clarke, Michael Hennessey, John Broadhurst, Suzannah Spiller, John Brett, Jacqueline Restel, Philip Bunce, Patrick Farrell, Ian Mitchell, Joyce Tracey

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD