



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



Sun ☒ 25 Oct	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Laura & Vanci Fernandes - in thanksgiving For Mario Coppì RIP
Mon 26 Oct	Feria	NO MASS TODAY	
Tue 27 Oct	Feria	NO MASS TODAY	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 9.30AM — 10.00PM
Wed 28 Oct	SS SIMON & JUDE Apostles	NO MASS TODAY	PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY 9.30AM — 10.00PM
Thur 29 Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	9.30am	Anecieta & Perpetua Gonsalves In thanksgiving
Fri 30 Oct	Feria	9.30am	Manus McIlhargey - sick
Sat 31 Oct	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	10.00am	Special Intention
Sun ☒ 01 Nov	THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Winnie Lockwood 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 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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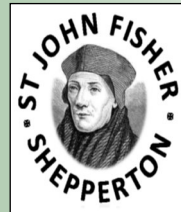
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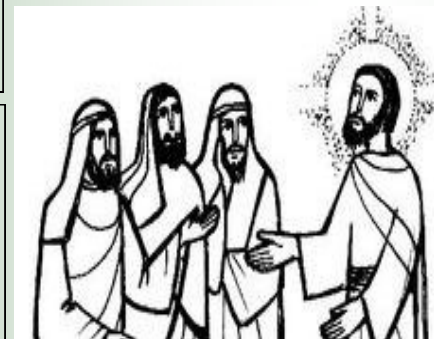
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**Sunday 25th October 2020
30th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 30 -YR 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**

You must love the
Lord your God, and
your neighbour
as yourself

When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 plus pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

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. Have a good week and may St John Fisher pray for you.

MUSICAL CHAIRS: You might have noticed that the configuration of the benches on the right hand side of the church has changed. This is to allow for standing room at the back of church whilst allowing for social distancing.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Tobias James Albert Raleigh who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. Please Keep Tobias and his family in your prayers at this time.

JUST FOR NEXT WEEK: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in place of the Mass on Tuesday and the Holy Rosary will be in place of the Mass on Wednesday both at 9.30am. This will enable Fr Shaun to use some of his summer holiday leave which remains outstanding. Mass will be as normal from Thursday morning onward at 9.30am. If you need a Priest urgently during this time please contact a Catholic Priest in our local Deanery.

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In life we pray for our loved ones, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. During the whole of November, we will remember and pray for the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends.

RED MEMORIAL CANDLES During November we will be lighting memorial candles which burn for 6-7 days. You can collect a candle label now from the Repository by the entrance to the church. The cost per candle is £5. Please return the completed label—with the name (s) of those you wish to pray for and remember, in an envelope with your candle money and we will do the rest.

ALL SAINT AND ALL SOULS: The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated next Sunday 1st Nov. with the usual Masses. All Souls, commemorating the souls of the faithful departed, will be celebrated on Monday 2nd Nov with Mass at 9.30am. There will be no evening Mass this year.

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES will sadly not take place this year due to on going restrictions. However you can still visit graves privately. Names of the deceased can be included in the November lists of the dead, and a request for a Mass to be offered for the repose of the souls of your loved ones can be made anytime. Apologies for the disappointment. List sheets and envelopes for your departed family members are available at the back of the church today.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: A Requiem Mass for the war dead will be celebrated on Sunday 8th Nov at 10.30am. As Mass is currently shorter than usual, a two minute silence will be kept after the Homily. We don't have poppies this year but you can support the tremendous work of the Royal British Legion and the *POPPY IN THE POST* appeal here: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

HOT OFF THE PRESS! If you would like to receive this newsletter directly into your email box, as soon as it is available, simply email us at: shepperton@rcdow.org.uk In the subject box just write 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER' and we'll do the rest. You do not need to be a parishioner or a Catholic to join the emailing list. If you're interested in what's going on at SJF that's a good enough reason. Happy Reading!

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE SIXTH FORM:

Admission to Year 12 in 2021 Virtual presentation from the Head of Sixth Form available to view now. <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/sixth-form-v1/6th-form-admissions>

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/>

LIGHTING VOTIVE CANDLES? Please help us by putting your candle donations into the candle money box in the wall, rather than in the green bucket, which is for the offertory collection.

EVERY LIFE MATTERS TO GOD: Tuesday 27th Oct is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th Oct. If you are in need of post abortion help and/or to support Pro-Life counselling please go to: <http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/>

CHECKING IN WITH NHS TRACK AND TRACE: you can now use the NHS phone App to check-in, just open the app, press 'venue check in' and scan the QR Code with your mobile phone. Or give your name and contact number to one of the door stewards. Thank you for supporting us in this way.

WELCOME BACK TO MASS The Holy Mass is much shorter than usual and 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. Single use Newsletters and Mass sheets are available, but please take them home with you when you leave. Holy Communion is distributed as you leave. Using the benches at the front of the church first helps others to see where space is available more quickly. If seats are available in the middle of the bench, please use these first to avoid blocking a whole row. Families who live together can sit on any unoccupied bench together. 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.

SOMETHING TO DO AS THE NIGHTS CLOSE IN: BIBLE TIME LINE - a free course via live-stream starts Wednesday 4th Nov at 7.00pm (for 7 sessions). Register at: Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk Information: www.comeandsee.org

APOLOGIES: our toilets and hall remain closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

OUR CHURCH OF SJF is not protected from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The closure of the church and hall and then the added costs of ensuring we are *Covid Secure*, with PPE equipment such as hand sanitiser, antibacterial cleaners, masks, aprons and gloves, even before reopening, are impacting on us greatly. We continue to lose revenue from hall lettings and our weekly collections/donations from parishioners have dropped significantly. In the past few months our collections/donations have been down by £7,500.00 compared to last year. In addition, we have had unforeseen bills like a photocopier repair recently which cost us £448.00.

Many Parish Priests are now asking all of their church members to seriously consider moving onto a Standing Order and to review their offering to the Lord and to their church, (I am reviewing my own contributions to SJF as well). I am acutely aware that this is a challenging time for us all, but it is right that I should keep you informed when things at SJF are good or difficult and when things need addressing urgently — because as the body of Christ we are all in this together.

If you are reading this whilst shielding at home, I want to assure you that the church is open and ready for when you can return and I thank you for your continued support of SJF with your offerings and with your prayers whilst at home. Please pray for our church, and offer up this request in your prayers. If you feel able to move to a Standing Order you will find forms in church and also online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/standing-order-forms/> If you have any questions, please ask. Be assured of my prayers for you all at this difficult time. Fr Shaun.

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