



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

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Sun ☒ 22 Aug	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Richard Matthews RIP For Mateus Gurjao RIP
Mon 23 Aug	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 24 Aug	ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For Ian White RIP
Wed 25 Aug	Feria	No Mass today Rosary at 9.30am	
Thur 26 Aug	Feria	No Mass today	
Fri 27 Aug	St Monica	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr Simon Thang Duc Nguyen - Sick
Sat 28 Aug	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	No morning Mass	
Sun ☒ 29 Aug	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Cidalia Alexandre RIP (6th month Anniversary) For Matilda, in thanksgiving Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

Holy Rosary Prayers: Wednesday at 9.30am

Exposition and Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration): currently suspended.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for August: Evangelisation — Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 22nd August 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Lord who shall
we go to? You have
the message of
eternal life."

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Parents sometimes use "reverse psychology" to encourage their children to make the right choices. That is what Joshua, the new leader of the Israelites, does in this reading. He wants the people to make a firm commitment to serve God alone. So he tells them that they can choose to serve other gods. However, he insists that he and his family will remain faithful to the one God who brought the Israelites out of slavery. By reminding the people of all God has done for them, Joshua guides the tribes of Israel to be faithful to the Lord. When we remember all that God has done for us, we too renew our faith in the God who saves us.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

If Saint Paul had any idea how much confusion his letter to the Ephesians might cause centuries after it was composed, he might have re-written it. His primary message is that the relationship between Christ and his Church is like a human marriage. Husbands and wives are "made into one," just as Christ and his Church are one body. Marriage partners are called by God to show mutual love, respect and care. In doing so, they reflect the love Jesus has for all who follow him. When husbands and wives choose to make sacrifices for each other and their children out of love, they are acting like Jesus, who sacrificed himself out of love, for his Church.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

What a sad day it would be, if some of our friends suddenly turned against us because of our religious beliefs. Today's gospel story relates how many of Jesus' disciples left him. They could not accept his teaching that he himself was the Bread of Life. They could not believe that his Body and Blood were the source of eternal life. So they turned their backs on him and returned to their old way of life. However, when Jesus asked the Twelve if they too would abandon him, Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We too at times may find some of Jesus' teachings difficult. When that happens, we speak to him honestly in prayer and seek his help.

Thank you for wearing your face covering in church, and in consideration of others



WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. If you are here visiting over the holidays, you are very welcome.

THE TIMETABLE FOR MASSES (back page) has changed whilst Fr Shaun takes some annual leave. Please note that during the weekdays Holy Mass will be celebrated on Tuesdays and Fridays at the usual time of 9.30am. The Holy Rosary will be prayed on Wednesdays at 9.30am. The Sunday Masses are as usual: Sat Vigil at 6.00pm and Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am. Please do support our Masses if you can. Priest supply cover for all churches is increasingly difficult and costly. It's lovely therefore, when a visiting priest is made welcome with a busy church. This coming week, we will welcome, Fr Richard Filima and Fr Robert Hamilton to celebrate the Holy Mass with us.

FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER: Gift Aid and Planned Giving statements have gone out to the named Gift Aider or envelope/standing order holders. We would like to extend our thanks to their families as well and to all of those who give by other means. We couldn't do our work without your support. Some of the letters were able to go out via email, and we thank those who have registered for our new database. It saves us considerable time and postage if we have all of your details up to date. Our main gift aid claim for

this year will amount to nearly £8,500. If you have any questions, please drop a line to sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk

FR DENNIS TOUW, the Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, is leading a pilgrimage to Lourdes with Tangney Tours. Departing on the 20th of September from Heathrow with British Airways. Staying in the 4 star Eliseo Hotel for 4 nights. The return is on the 24th of September from Toulouse, arriving early evening into London Heathrow. If you have had both vaccines, you can travel. You do not need to self-isolate in France and you do not need to self-isolate on return to the UK. Further details and costs here: newsletter@tangney-tours.com

KEEPING IN TOUCH If you want to keep up to date with St John Fisher news whilst away, you can read the Newsletter online: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton> You can also pray the Mass with us on-line, just go to **You Tube** and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMICYH_QOMndxN91BhA

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings for your calls, and for the booking of Mass Intentions. Please be patient if you are awaiting a response regarding an email

DIARY DATE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday 18th Sept at 12.00noon
Training and commissioning of existing ministers and those who are interested in becoming extraordinary ministers - assisting Fr Shaun at Mass in the distribution of Holy Communion and/or taking Holy Communion to the housebound and in care homes.

COMING TO MASS. Parishioner details for Track and Trace are still required. Please

continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and please do continue to wear your face covering in church. All the benches/pews are fully open for your use; but kindly keep some space between you and other parishioners. Holy Communion is distributed at the end of the Mass on weekends, following the Post Communion Prayer and final Blessing. Parishioners then leave via the Car Park Exit.

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel, but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'.

Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not

the flesh, which has nothing to offer.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Discernment involves action, it also involves a decision. And the very first decision is whether it's all about my life and my vocation, or whether it's about God's will for my life and my vocation. (Fr Mike Schmitz)

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Anne Brannigan RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS AUGUST

Max Maksymiuw, Annie Reilly, Patricia Collins, James Patrick Dyer, Joan Delahunty, Alf Pitfield, James Sangster, Betty Mitchell, John Pegley, Michael Hayes, Fedor Jan Putter, Florence Kershaw, Liokadia Hughes, Frances Rosa Grant, Patricia Leale, Lt Col Kevin Ryan MBE William Roberts, Audrey Willson, Joan Heffernan, Anne Harris, Jake Harvey Latter, Fr Tom Quinn.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this coming week by Martha. For Fatima Gurjao and family in thanksgiving

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON

YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD

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