



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

Sun ☒ 05 Sept	23RD 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 Michael O'Reilly RIP
Mon 06 Sept	Feria	No Mass	
Tue 07 Sept	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For the poor in Uganda who are struggling for work
Wed 08 Sept	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass 9.30am	For our NHS Staff
Thur 09 Sept	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For the people of Afghanistan
Fri 10 Sept	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP - sick
Sat 11 Sept	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ☒ 12 Sept	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Margaret O' Malley RIP For Hellen Clarke - Sick

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

Exposition and Benediction: on Fridays 10.00am –10.30am (Eucharistic Adoration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for September: The environment: We pray that we will all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people, who are resolutely committed to this.

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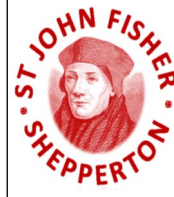
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Sunday 5th September 2021

**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
Week 23 -YR 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3



**"He makes the
deaf hear and the
dumb speak."**

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish.

Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all, diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness:
He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you.

(St John Paul II)



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and in considering 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. 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/C3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA

RESUMING AGAIN FROM THIS WEEK:

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SEPTEMBER is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Mary, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls in September. The Sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken from the Cross, and the burial of Christ.

A prayer for September:

I beseech you, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose most holy soul was pierced, in the hour of your Passion, by the sword of sorrow, may intercede for us with your mercy, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

WHERE IS ST JOSEPH? We had hoped to take delivery of our new statue of St Joseph the Worker in July. We are assured that delivery will now be during September.

PARISH WEB SITE: We have for many years had two web sites running simultaneously. The SJF site will close this month and all web information will continue via the newly updated parish diocesan site. You can see the site (if you are reading this on your phone, PC or tablet) by clicking here: [Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)) or by typing this address into your favourite search engine: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

We are indebted to Cres Fernandes, who has managed the SJF web site for more than ten years, spending considerable time to keep us up to date. Thank you Cres.

DIARY DATE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday 18th September 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.

COME AND ADORE THE LORD Every Friday after the 9.30am Mass there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity to be still and pray silently for those things going on in our lives. We conclude at 10.30am with Benediction. Come along if you can.

NEW MASS INTENTIONS: We have some space currently 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 Nathalie via the office or Fr Shaun

HOLY WATER FOR USE AT HOME is available from the Holy Water Dispenser. This is located close to the font and the statue of St John Fisher. Small bottles are available in the Repository for 50p or you can simply bring your own to fill up.

GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD: even during the summer months, people struggle to make ends meet. If you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, this would be a good deed done. Currently, your

kind donations are going directly to help others via *Surplus to Supper*. Please keep up the good work and help where you can. Many, many thanks.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

When the people of the kingdom of Judah were threatened by their enemies, God took pity on their fear and hopelessness. He sent the prophet Isaiah with a message that strengthened them. Isaiah foretold of a time when God would come to save his people. The signs of God's coming would include the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame.

Second Reading: Letter of St. James 2:1-5

Saint James reminds us that poor are especially loved by God and are chosen to be "rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom." As members of the faith community, we are to share God's love and concern for the poor who live in our midst.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

What was promised in today's first reading, we see fulfilled in this gospel story. A man who is deaf and suffers from a speech impediment is taken by his friends to see Jesus. Moved by the man's pitiful condition, Jesus takes him aside and performs a healing ritual. They praise Jesus because "He has done everything well!" Jesus, however, does not want them to expect a Messiah who will bring them political power and economic riches. He was a Messiah who used God's power to serve only others and not to avoid suffering himself.

LINKS TO THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

CCC 1503-1505: Christ the Physician

Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me." His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries

to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them. Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, "for power came forth from him and healed them all." and so in the sacraments Christ continues to "touch" us in order to heal us.

Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.

(CCC 1151-1152: signs used by Christ; sacramental signs. CCC 270-271: the mercy of God)

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored by Sonia Owen this week
For Francisco Lopez Leon

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Anna Gammond RIP, Anne Brannigan RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER

FRED MANNING, CHRISTINA MAKSYMUIW, CLIVE ROSS, WINIFRED SISSONS, CLAUDE ROSS, MICHAEL O' REILLY, SHEILA THOMPSON, THOMAS SMITH, ROBERT BLUES, JOHN MALONEY, FR JOHN B ELLIOTT, DOROTHY ORMES

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON
YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD