



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

Sun ☒ 19 Sept	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Anna Gammond RIP For Fr Adrian Cadwalladar RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 21 Sept	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	Mass 9.30am	In thanksgiving - for Joaquim and Fabio Fernandes
Wed 22 Sept	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For Andrew Kundomal RIP
Thur 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Mass 9.30am	For Robert Hunt RIP
Fri 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	Mass 9.30am	For respect for the sanctity of life
Sat 25 Sept	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ☒ 26 Sept	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Fr Adrian Cadwalladar RIP For Mary Kearney RIP

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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Sunday 19th September 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
Week 25 -YR 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 1



"The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all."

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that), he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

"Humility is a virtue by which we recognize ourselves as we really are."

FULTON SHEEN

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen



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. Children's Mass cards and Missals are also available. You can pray the Mass with us on-line if you are house bound or away, 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

THE ONE WAY SYSTEM IN AND OUT OF THE CHURCH HAS ENDED.

After Mass has completed, you can now leave the church, by either the car park exit or the front doors — whichever is more convenient. Holy Communion will now be distributed in its regular place during the Mass - before the Post Communion Prayer and Blessing, rather than as people depart. After receiving Holy Communion (or a blessing instead), please return to your seat for the concluding rites and notices. Our Sunday offertory collection remains suspended for the time being. Thank you if you are making your weekly donation by standing order or by contactless giving. If you make your thanksgiving donation via the weekly envelope scheme, or with cash, you can continue to put this in the green buckets at the front of the church. Whatever way you support your church - thank you, you make all the difference.

CHARITY MARATHON EVENT: What an amazing day we had last Sunday!! The weather was perfect and the atmosphere joyful!! Over 60 people, both young and old, came along to walk or run their laps alongside Fran. Not only did we have lots of fun, catching up and sharing some delicious homemade goodies, we also raised a fantastic £1000 for the Lourdes fund. Thank you so much for your generosity!!! *The Lourdes Team.*

PRAYER REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is currently situated by the church entrance. Rosary Prayers are offered on Wednesdays following the 9.30am Mass.

HURRAY! We welcome back our music group for the 10.30am Mass this Sunday. As we are still wearing face coverings, we will initially be

starting with just hymns and songs, before reinstating the Mass settings later on. If you are at the Sunday 10.30am Mass—please pick up a hymn book for your use from the back of the church, but please help us out, by returning it after the Mass has ended.

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS restarts on Sunday 3rd October. This group is especially for youngsters who have not made their First Holy Communion i.e. children under the age of seven. Children who are now receiving Holy Communion, should remain in church for the Mass. When the youngsters have completed their own liturgy, they will return to sit with their parents.

ANNA GAMMOND RIP: Anna was formerly a teacher at St Ignatius School and an active member of SJF over many years. Anna enjoyed a great many friends in the parish and will be mourned by all. The Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of Anna's soul this Sat 18th Sept at 6.00pm (Vigil Mass) Please pray for Anna and for her family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant to Anna O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

WANT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR 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, contact Nathalie in the office or Fr Shaun. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. 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.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHERTSEY For children starting school in September 2022: Open Morning on Tuesday, 5th October at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 6th October at 1.30pm to which all prospective parents are very welcome. Please contact the school office on 01932 562251 or via office@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk to book a time slot.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2022 -Thurs 23rd Sept Open Morning from 8.45am-10.15am and 11.00am-12.20pm. Open Evening from 6.00pm-8.30pm Evening Address from Head teacher, at 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm. Tours approximately 1 hour – no appointment necessary. **St Paul's Sixth Form Open Evening** For admission to Year 12 in 2022— Wed 29th Sept 2021 Open Evening from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

A Certificate of Catholic Practice is exactly what it says: that you are practising the faith (ie regularly at Mass), in order for this to be signed.

HOLY WATER FOR USE AT HOME is available from the Holy Water Dispenser, located close to the font and the statue of St John Fisher.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £136
Giving using offertory envelopes £165
Giving by bank standing order £645 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £25
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you all, for supporting your church.
Have a great week ahead.

BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON WRITES: In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021'. This received its 1st Reading in the House of Lords, and is due its 2nd Reading with full debate on Friday 15th October.

The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic; the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than six months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach in order to redefine the question and obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation. As Pope Francis has said, **'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a "throwaway culture" that offers a "false compassion" and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.'** He criticised **'those who hide behind**

an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.' Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. There are a number of important actions in the next weeks. First, to ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 15th October. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media. To ensure that as many Peers as possible are contacted, they recommend that individuals select a Peer who has the same initials (first and/or last name) and write to that Peer. Personal stories can be uploaded at <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory> Right to Life UK will ensure these stories are distributed widely to Peers.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored anonymously this week
for all who suffer with mental health problems and with mental illness

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Mary Browne RIP,
Anna Gammond RIP, Anne Brannigan RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER
Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw, 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