



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

Sun ☒ 03 Oct	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For the Ayres family - intentions For Christine Hooper RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 04 Oct	St Francis of Assisi	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 05 Oct	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For Kathleen O’Gorman RIP
Wed 06 Oct	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For the Catholic Women’s League
Thur 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	Mass 9.30am	For Anna Gammond RIP in appreciation
Fri 08 Oct	Feria	Mass 9.30am	For Patrick & Agnes Reynolds RIP
Sat 09 Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest	Mass 10.00am	For our children and young people
Sun ☒ 10 Oct	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Teresa Aherne RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

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 request box: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated by the church entrance. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.
Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for October: Evangelisation - Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

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**Sunday 3rd October 2021
27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
Week 27 -YR 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3



**“ Marriage is a sacred
bond of unity”**

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

First Reading: Book of Genesis 2:18-24

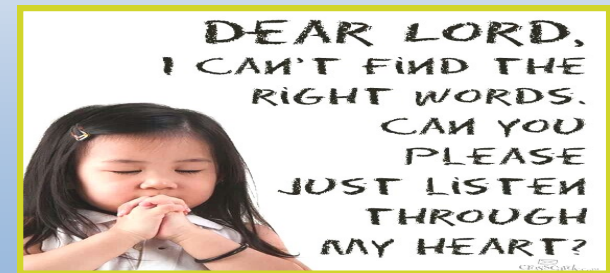
God made the first woman from the man's own body. Together the man and the woman became one body. They were equal and suitable partners for one another. In marriage, husband and wife enter a union blessed by God. The primary message of the story is that man and woman both come from God. We are God's unique creation in a world of wonderful creatures he has entrusted to our care.

Second Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11

The humble person does not look down on others or try to raise himself to a prominent position. Jesus, the Son of God, is a perfect example of humility. He made himself lower than the angels by taking on our human nature. He then made himself subject to suffering and death in order to gain our salvation.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12 (shorter form)

The Pharisees tried to test Jesus by asking him if he agreed with the law of Moses regarding divorce. Jesus draws their attention to the true meaning of marriage. He reminds the Pharisees of the teaching from Genesis about the man and the woman becoming one flesh. Jesus is focusing on God's loving plan for marriage partners.



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 home 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

A PASTORAL LETTER from our Bishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, will be read out in place of the usual Homily at all weekend Masses.

OCTOBER is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is prayed after the 9.30am Mass every Wednesday and the prayer intentions of the parish are offered at this time. You are welcome to join in. It's all very relaxed, so don't worry if you are unsure of what to do. It is your prayers which are most important.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER TO WALSINGHAM, FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 23rd October, lead by Bishop Mark Davies. Our diocese will be running a coach to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The coach departs from Archbishop's House, Ambrosden Avenue at 7.30am prompt. The cost is a reasonable £20. To book your seat please contact Dominica on: 07913 434357.

OUR CHURCH HALL reopens to hall users from mid October. This is for those groups who previously had long term bookings with us and who carry out a risk assessment for their groups. We will not be opening yet, for private booking i.e. Saturday afternoon parties for small children.

THE ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION for our buildings and the Presbytery, was carried out this past week. Everything from potential hazards, signage, electrics, emergency lighting, exit plans, fire prevention and documentation were checked by inspectors appointed by the diocese. We are pleased to report that we are in the top five per cent of Catholic Churches for our Health & Safety provision and compliance. Many thanks to Keiron who manages the increasing complexities of H & S throughout the year and on the day of the inspection.

TEA & COFFEE: resumes in the church hall from this Sunday, 3rd October after the 10.30am Mass. Please use the outside entrance to access the hall, rather than via the sacristy & kitchen.

LITTLE CHURCH restarts this Sunday 3rd Oct. This group is especially for youngsters who have not made their First Holy Communion i.e. children under the age of seven. Children start off in church and then go into the hall. When the youngsters have completed their own liturgy, they will return to sit with their parents. Children who are now receiving Holy Communion, should remain in church for Mass.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: Sunday, 17th October at 10.30am. The children are again invited to wear their special outfits for the Holy Mass. There will be a party in celebration for them in the hall afterwards. This is a combined celebration for the classes of 2020 and 2021.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, HAS ARRIVED. Our new statue, in this year of St Joseph, is temporarily sited at the front of the church, in full view, for all to see. The statue will be blessed when moved to its permanent position, at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have contributed to its purchase and renovation. May St Joseph the Worker pray for us.

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT 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.

HOLY BAPTISM Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. You can return it via

the presbytery letter box, on-line or by post.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those not receiving Holy Communion in church or at home)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

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 IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SUNBURY: For children starting school in September 2022. Are holding an open morning each Wednesday in November from 9.30-11.00, which will include a talk and a tour of the school. Catholic children in the parishes of St John Fisher and St Ignatius are high priority for admissions. As part of COVID precautions, pre-booking is essential. Please contact the school office on 01932 785 396, or admin@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk

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

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS PRIMARY SCHOOL Admissions Sept 2022: Small group tours of the Primary school on Fridays between 9:30 – 10:00am. To book a place please book via Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/primary-school-tour-tickets-178739272977> or the website: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/>

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. A Certificate of Catholic Practice is exactly what it says: that you are practising the faith and attending Mass here regularly. Fr Shaun will also need to see a copy of the Baptism certificate before issuing a Certificate. Full details on eligibility for Certificates of Catholic Practice can

be found on school websites and also at www.rcdow.org.uk

STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MARRIAGE? Founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples who need some support. Marriage courses for those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, are also available. For more information go to: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/>

CRISIS PREGNANCY: The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please go to: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

A DAY WITH MARY: Westminster Cathedral Saturday 16th October. Entry Procession begins at 9.45am Holy Mass with the Cathedral Choir at 10.30am. The day concludes at 4.00pm.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £130
Giving using offertory envelopes £96
Giving by bank standing order £645 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £60
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you, for supporting your church.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week by Marian Miranda
for her family intentions

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Mary Browne RIP,
Anna Gammond RIP, Anne Brannigan RIP
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