



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

Sun ☒ 17 Oct	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For our children and young people For Jonathan Lynch RIP
Mon 18 Oct	ST LUKE, Evangelist	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 19 Oct	feria	Mass 9.30am	For the intentions of Stella & Jim Tickner
Wed 20 Oct	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Wyn McCabe RIP
Thur 21 Oct	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Rui Moita RIP
Fri 22 Oct	St John Paul II, Pope	Mass 9.30am	For Hazel & Joe - for good health
Sat 23 Oct	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	For all coping with serious illness
Sun ☒ 24 Oct	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Frank and Peggy Fitzpatrick RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For departed members of Seymour Cole Family

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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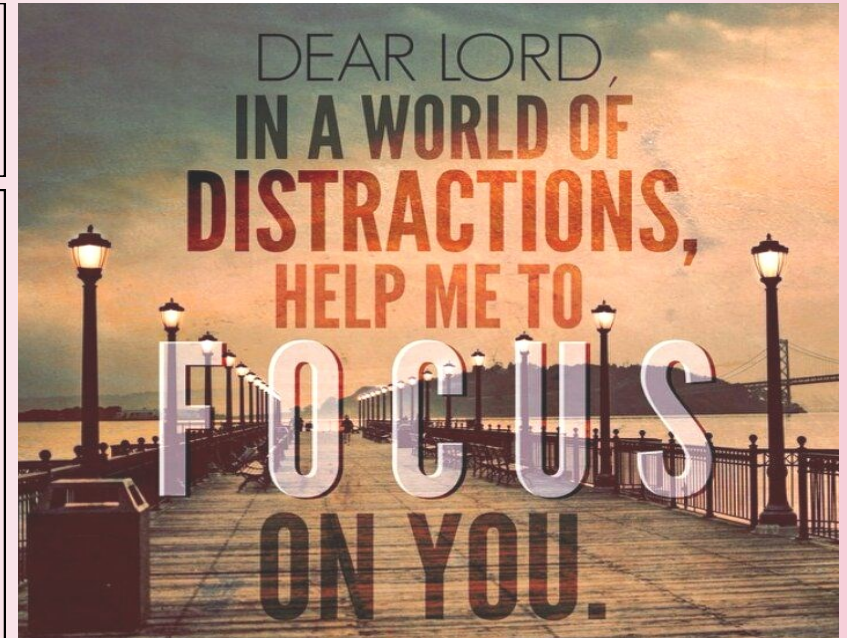
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Sunday 17th October 2021
29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
 Weekday readings
Week 29-YR 1
 Divine Office
Psalter Week 1

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



It's often the case, that the values of the Gospel, contradict the values of the world - sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the world's life of service; and what the world sees as death and failure, is in fact, life and victory.

It is this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought among the pagans. Jesus will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words, about the worldly way of behaving, to heart.



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.

THIS SUNDAY AT 10.30AM we celebrate with our First Holy Communion children, from the classes of 2020 and 2021, a Mass of Thanksgiving. Congratulations once again to our children and their parents. The celebrations will continue in the church hall afterwards.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) & SYCAMORE.

Why the name Sycamore? In the Holy Bible, Jesus comes to the town of Jericho. A man called Zacchaeus is so curious about Jesus that he climbs a Sycamore tree to get a better view. When he finally meets him, they begin a conversation, and his life is changed for ever. The RCIA & Sycamore programme helps those who want to get a better view on the big questions of life and faith, in preparation for being Received into the Catholic Church and for receiving the Holy Sacraments as Adults, of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to know more, or if you are an adult Catholic and are desirous of Confirmation, have a chat to Fr Shaun. The programme begins in November. We look forward to welcoming you.

SOUND QUALITY: We have been struggling with the quality of the sound on our internet, live streaming of the Mass. This has now been resolved and the distortion fixed. Thank you to Tim Friery for his time and talent in resolving this issue. If you are unable to get to Mass, you can view on—line via YouTube by typing 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search box. It's absolutely free and you can view at any time.

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.

KEEPING COVID SECURE: There has recently been an increase in the number of local school children testing positive for COVID. If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID, even if asymptomatic (i.e. without symptoms), please refrain from coming to the Church. Whilst children are at minimal risk, if they test positive, it is, as you know, still possible to pass Covid on to those who are more vulnerable; even when they have been double vaccinated. Additionally, it may be helpful to know, that the Catholic Bishops have fully endorsed the UK Vaccination Programme. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk there is to us all.

TEA & COFFEE: continues in the church hall this Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. Please use the outside entrance to access the hall, rather than via the sacristy & kitchen. It would be enormously helpful, if we are to continue with refreshments, if parishioners could sign up to help for future weeks.

LITTLE CHURCH AT 10.30AM for children under 7 years is suspended for this week, so we can all celebrate the Thanksgiving Mass together.

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 information regarding God parents are available in church.

THIS COMING NOVEMBER IS 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 the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends. There will be the **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** at Sunbury Cemetery on Saturday 20th November at 12.00noon. All Souls sheets for the names of your departed loved ones, will be available next week. From next week there will also be an opportunity to buy a seven day memorial candle for £5, on which to add the names of your loved ones. These candles will burn in the church from All Souls' Day, Tuesday 2nd November onward for the duration of the month.

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 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.

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

THE PASSAGE, a Catholic Charity working with homeless people, has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19 October (from 7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 7592 1886 (07928 703131)

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Please keep up the good work and help where you can.

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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.

DO YOU SING OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT? Come and join the Sunday Music Group at the 10.30 Mass. You would be warmly welcomed.

Have a chat with Bernard or Bethany in the church gallery after Mass.

KEEP IT CLEAN! It makes all the difference when the church has been newly cleaned and polished. Do please think about signing up to join our wonderful group of men and women who volunteer an hour or so 4 times a year to sweep, dust, polish and Hoover this lovely place. It's not a glamorous job - but there is enormous satisfaction, when you step back to see the fruits of your labours. Please let us know in the office, if you would like to join our team of Holy Dusters. Thank you.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £115
Giving using offertory envelopes £146
Giving by bank standing order £605 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £75
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)

Thank you, for supporting your church.



www.rcdow.org.uk/synod

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 eating disorders, especially children and young people

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Dick Cahill RIP, 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