



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

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
Mon 25 Oct	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 26 Oct	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Laura Reynolds RIP
Wed 27 Oct	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Mary Mahony RIP
Thur 28 Oct	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles	Mass 9.30am	For Paul Kavanagh RIP
Fri 29 Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	Mass 9.30am	For political prisoners in Uganda
Sat 30 Oct	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	The Birthday intentions of Merta Daver
Sun ☒ 31 Oct	ALL SAINTS	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Winnie Lockwood RIP Emily Theobald 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 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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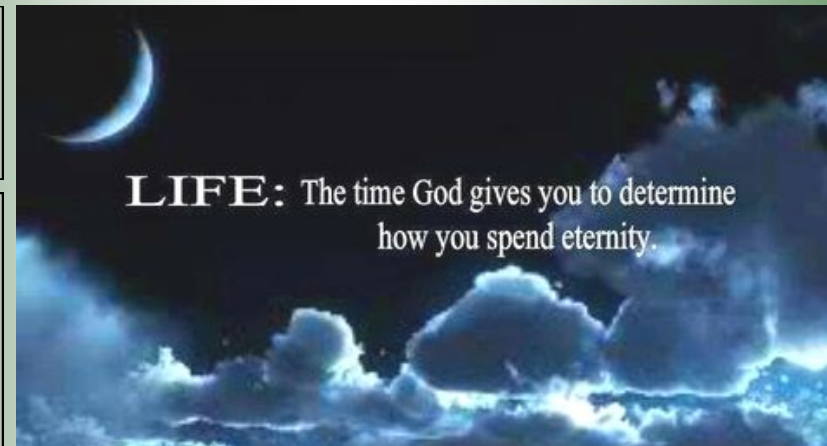
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**Sunday 24th October 2021  
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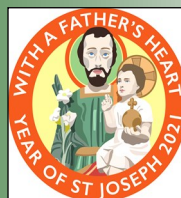
Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday readings  
Week 30-YR 1  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 2



***"Master, let me see again."***

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways. There is always a message that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus, the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age, we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away. Jesus's work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him, in doing what we can, to bring that comfort, which is the Kingdom of God, to all in need.

**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



## 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMcyH_QOMndxN91BhA)



**NEXT WEEKEND...** is sleep-in Sunday. British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, so you get an extra hour under the duvet!

**LITTLE CHURCH AT 10.30AM** This 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.

**GOOD IDEA!** Now that both exits are in use at the end of the Mass, we have been asked by parishioners to place a collection bucket (as the formal collection is still suspended), in the church porch, for those who leave by this route. You will now find the green bucket on the table. Thank you for your alms giving.

**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. All Souls' sheets for the names of your departed loved ones, are available this weekend, at the back of church, to take away and return when completed.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** at Sunbury Cemetery on Saturday 20th November at 12.00noon.

**SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** can now be bought from this weekend. Candles will be lit from All Souls' Day, Tuesday 2nd November onward, for the duration of the month. The cost is £5. Details for candles are at the back of the church.

**BE PREPARED:** So often in the holy scriptures we are told to be prepared. November is fast approaching and is the month when we not only remember those who have died, but take the opportunity to put our own affairs in order. Many people use this month to make or to revisit their Will and to leave written instructions

of funeral wishes. This is an opportunity to be prepared, to make a note of favourite hymns and bible readings and to consider the type of funeral service we would like, be it a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. This is not a morbid thing to do, it's a loving act which takes the burden away from those we leave behind. You might also consider leaving a small gift to your church in thanksgiving, in memory of your life shared with us here and in support of our continued work. You will find information at the back of the church to take away — to start getting prepared.

**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.

**KEEP SJF COVID SECURE:** you will have heard in the press, that Covid infections are on the increase again. 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. It is still possible to pass Covid on even to those who 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, not 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**  
Loose giving in the plate £97

Giving using offertory envelopes £138  
Giving by bank standing order £605 (weekly average)  
Card machine - contactless giving £40  
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)

**Thank you, for supporting your church.**



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### THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Sarah  
for the repose of the soul of Clive Duveen

### 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**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to baby Sophie who received her first Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for Sophie and for Orlando and Marie, her parents, in celebration.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way to make our Thanksgiving Mass last Sunday, such a joyful occasion. Thanks not least, to our musicians at the Mass, those who prepared the hall, all who brought food or helped in the kitchen. Thank you also to our First Holy Communion children and Catechists Jean and Pir. It was a great occasion.

**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 with Fr Shaun. The programme begins in November. We look forward to welcoming you.

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