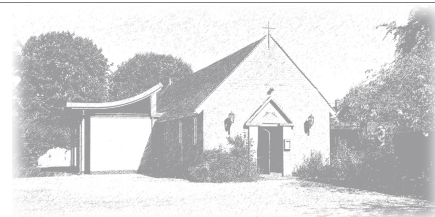


St JOHN FISHER & St THOMAS MORE



Sunday readings from Year C

Sunday 19 October

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day



Sunday Mass 9.30 am

Readers: Dee Hendry and David Swift

Organist: Terry McNamara



Please remember in your prayers all the sick and the housebound of the parish and continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all refugees escaping oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war.

Remember all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

World Mission Day

In a video message, Pope Leo XIV has called on every Catholic parish to take part in today's World Mission Sunday, recalling how the generosity that day concretely enables and sustains the good work of missionaries worldwide, as he saw firsthand while serving in Peru.

By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are

called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet', for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need.

To donate, use the Missio envelope or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible. There will also be a retiring collection today.

Tuesday is the feast day of St Ursula although the feast is no longer included in the liturgical calendar. Ursula was a Romano-British virgin and martyr possibly of royal origin. Legend has it that she was a princess who had already promised herself to Christ. However, her father, King Dionotus of Dumnonia in south-west Britain in the late 4th century, demanded that she marry the pagan governor Conan Meriadoc of Armorica. Ursula could not refuse but managed to delay the wedding by three years. Ursula spent those three years in a pan-European pilgrimage, accompanied by 10 virgins who in turn would eventually be accompanied by 1,000 virgins each. She went to Rome with her followers and persuaded the Pope, Cyriacus (unknown in the pontifical

records, though there was a Pope Siricius about that time), and Sulpicius, bishop of Ravenna, to join them. In, it is believed the year 383, they arrived in Cologne, which was then under siege by invading Huns, and all the virgins were beheaded in a terrible massacre. The Huns' leader then fatally shot Ursula with an arrow.

The City of London street called St Mary Axe is named after the Church of St Mary Axe, originally dedicated to Saint Mary the Virgin, Saint Ursula and the 11,000 virgins. It was demolished in the late 16th century; the site is located close to where the building known informally as The Gherkin now stands. A manuscript dated 1514 claims that the church contained a holy relic: an axe used by the Huns to execute the virgins.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you to Val Copping for her talk about the Society at the end of last Sunday's Mass. If you would like to know more or volunteer to help our parish SVP representative, Benjamin Shirlaw, can be contacted on 07962 510644 or emailed at benjaminshirlaw@gmail.com.

Weekday readings from Year I

Monday 20 October

Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 21 October

Feria in Ordinary Time

• Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Wednesday 22 October

Optional Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope

• Mass 9.30 am - Carterton

Thursday 23 October

Optional Memorial of St John of Capestrano, Priest

• Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Friday 24 October

Optional Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

• Mass 9.30 am - Carterton

Saturday 25 October

Feria in Ordinary Time

• Vigil Mass 5.00 pm - Carterton

Sunday 26 October

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Mass 9.30 am - Burford

• Mass 11.00 am - Carterton

Prayer for World Mission Day

Let us turn to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our hope. To her we entrust our prayer for this Jubilee and for the years yet to come: "May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

Amen

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Valerie Copping and she can be contacted at sg.stjf-sttm.burford@rcaob.org.uk should you have any concerns.

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