
St JOHN FISHER & St THOMAS MORE



Sunday readings from Year A

Sunday 14 June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Mass 9.30 am

Readers: Christopher Coghlan and Anthony du Vivier

Organist: Terry McNamara

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Please continue to remember the sick and the housebound of the parish in your prayers and continue to pray for the peoples of Ukraine and the Middle East and all those suffering due to oppression, poverty, persecution, violence or war. Remember also those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Day for Life

Today is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time resumed on the Monday after the Solemnity of Pentecost although the two Sundays following Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the Corpus Christi, are part of Ordinary Time but they are not numbered..

Due to the configuration of the calendar year, Ordinary Time may have a total of either 33 or 34 weeks. If the First Sunday of Advent is in November, the previous liturgical year's Ordinary Time will have 33 weeks. If it falls on December 2 or 3, it will have 34 weeks. However, if it falls on December 1, the previous year's Ordinary Time will have 34 weeks only when it is a leap year. In a year where Ordinary Time has 33 weeks, the omitted week is the one between the weeks immediately surrounding Lent and Easter Time, which varies with the date of Easter. This is because the weeks always count forward from the first week at the beginning of Ordinary Time, and separately backwards from the thirty-fourth week at the end of Ordinary Time. Simple really!

On Tuesday it is the Optional Memorial of St Richard of Chichester. Born in 1197 in Burford, our namesake village, in what is now Shropshire, Richard's private life displayed rigid frugality and temperance. He was an ascetic who wore a hair-shirt and refused to eat off silver; he kept his diet simple and rigorously excluded animal flesh having been a vegetarian since his days at Oxford.

Richard was intolerant of usurers, corrupt clergy and priests who mumbled the Mass.

On Saturday we celebrate the Optional Memorial of St Alban, venerated as the first-recorded British Christian martyr. Along with fellow Saints Julius and Aaron, Alban is one of three named martyrs recorded at an early date from Roman Britain. He is traditionally believed to have been accused of sheltering a priest from the pursuing Romans, scourged and then beheaded in Verulamium (St Albans) sometime during the 3rd century. His cult has been celebrated there ever since.

The St Birinus Festival - 9-12 July

The St Birinus Festival returns for its fourth year, celebrating sacred music, liturgy, and the rich Christian heritage of Dorchester-on-Thames. It takes place over four days in July at the historic mission centre of St Birinus, who was known as the Apostle to Wessex.

Set primarily within the medieval abbey, the festival offers a full programme of liturgies, concerts, talks, and workshops, bringing together leading performers and scholars of sacred music.

The Festival Concert this year is Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610, directed by Simon Over.

Other Festival artists include Ryan Wigglesworth and Sophie Bevan MBE with Dominic Bevan as Artistic Director.

Tickets can be booked via <https://thedaveyconsort.co.uk>

Weekday readings from Year II

Monday 15 June
Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 16 June
Optional Memorial of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop

• Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Wednesday 17 June
Feria in Ordinary Time

• Mass 9.30 am - Carterton

Thursday 18 June
Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral

• Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Friday 19 June
Optional Memorial of St Romuald, Abbot

• Mass 9.00 am - Carterton

Saturday 20 June
Optional Memorial of St Alban, Martyr

• Vigil Mass 5.00 pm - Carterton

Sunday 21 June
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Mass 9.30 am - Burford
• Mass 11.00 am - Carterton

Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester
Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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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