

St JOHN FISHER & St THOMAS MORE



Sunday readings from Year A

Sunday 27 September

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest



Sunday Mass 9.30 am

Missa de Angelis

Readers: Dallas Ariotti and Anthony duVivier

Organist: Terry McNamara



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 climate change, oppression, poverty, persecution, violence or war. Remember all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur in October including particularly Ernest James Agnew, Edward Fitzgerald Biggane, Helen Kennedy, Helen Elizabeth Kranz, Sr Anne-Marie Rabone, Sabina Shersby-Harvie, Derek Williamson, Enid de Winton, Geoff Bond and Catherine Pinnington.



There is a retiring collection today for Fr Hudson's Society

On Monday we celebrate the Memorial of St Wenceslaus who served as Duke of Bohemia from 921 and was widely known as Václav the Good. He was assassinated by his younger brother Boleslaus probably in 935 who, unsurprisingly, became known as Boleslaus the Cruel. Boleslaus invited Wenceslaus to a celebration of the feast of Cosmas and Damian, which we celebrated last Saturday. Three of Boleslaus's companions attacked the duke and stabbed him to death and as the duke fell, Boleslav ran him through with a lance.

His martyrdom and the popularity of several biographies gave rise to a reputation for heroic virtue that resulted in his sainthood. Although only a duke Holy Roman Emperor

Otto I posthumously declared him to be a king and patron saint of the Czech state. This makes sense of why we sing the carol "Good King Wenceslas" at Christmas.

The carol is based on the many legends that grew up in the years after his martyrdom. The chronicler Cosmas of Prague wrote in 1119 "no one doubts that, rising every night from his noble bed, with bare feet and only one chamberlain, he went around to God's churches and gave alms generously to widows, orphans, those in prison and afflicted by every difficulty, so much so that he was considered, not a prince, but the father of all the wretched".

Several centuries later, Pope Pius II asserted this legend as fact.

mentioned in the Scriptures and each is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

On Friday it is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. These guardian angels, according to Thomas Aquinas, are from the lowest rank of angels and they help their humans in several ways, including protecting them from demons and encouraging them to do good works

Family Fast Day

Harvest Family Fast Day is next Friday, 2 October. It is organised by CAFOD, the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales and it is a day when we are asked to put our faith into action by praying, fasting and giving to support our neighbours. The adjacent QR code will take you straight to the CAFOD website where you can make a donation to help with their life-changing work.



Weekday readings from Year II

Monday 28 September

Optional Memorial of St Wenceslaus, Martyr

Tuesday 29 September

Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

• Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Wednesday 30 September

Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

• Mass 10.00 am - Carterton

Thursday 1 October

Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

• Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Friday 2 October

Harvest Family Fast Day

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

• Mass 10.00 am - Carterton

Saturday 3 October

Memorial of St Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop

• Vigil Mass 5.00 pm - Carterton

Sunday 4 October

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Mass 9.30 am - Burford

• Mass 11.00 am - Carterton

*Pope's Prayer Intention for October
For mental health ministry*

*Let us pray that the mental health ministry be
established throughout the Church,*

*Helping to overcome the stigma and
discrimination of persons with mental illness.*

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

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