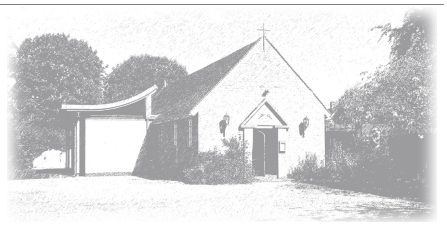
St JOHN FISHER & St THOMAS MORE



Sunday readings from Year A

Sunday 8 November

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

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Sunday Mass 9.30 am

Readers: *Christopher Coghlan and Val Copping*

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 climate change, oppression, poverty, persecution, violence or war. Remember all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Memorial of St Leo the Great. Leo, a Roman aristocrat and native of Tuscany, became pope in 440 and is perhaps best known for meeting Attila the Hun in 452 and persuading him to turn back from his continued invasion of Italy. Attila had invaded Italy and sacked cities such as Aquileia before heading for Rome. He allegedly demanded that the sister of the reigning Emperor Valentinian III be sent to him with a dowry. In response, the emperor sent three envoys to negotiate with Attila: Gennadius Avienus, one of the consuls, Memmius Aemilius Trygetius, the former urban prefect, and Leo. Little is known of the specifics of the negotiations but as a result Attila withdrew. Most ancient and medieval historians celebrated Leo's actions, giving him all the credit for this successful embassy. However, the historian Priscus recorded that Attila was dissuaded by his own men as they feared he would share the fate of the Visigothic king Alaric, who died shortly after sacking the city in 410.

Leo contributed significantly to developing ideas of papal authority and it was during his papacy that the term "Pope", which previously meant any bishop, came to exclusively mean the Bishop of Rome.

Leo died on 10 November 461 and his body was entombed within the portico of Old St Peter's Basilica. He was the first pope to be buried within St Peter's. In 688 Pope Sergius I had Leo's remains moved to the south transept, inside the basilica. The relocation was apparently due to the number of later papal burials obscuring the prominence that Sergius believed Leo's tomb deserved.

St John Henry Newman

A reminder that to celebrate St John Henry Newman being declared a Doctor of the Church, the University of Oxford is putting on a public event at the new Stephen A Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities (OX2 6GG) on Thursday 19 November, from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. Registration is required although the event is free.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. There are 'November Dead List' envelopes available and if you could place in this envelope the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray a Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. If you wish you may also include a donation.

Pre-Advent Party

Remember that our Pre-Advent drinks and canapé party will be on Friday, 27 November at Windrush Village Hall from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the porch for those who would like to attend. If you are also donating canapés could you please include details of your contribution. Thank you.

Sale of Goods

Dee Hendry will be holding sales in the Littledale room on 15 and 22 November after Mass - Christmas cards, books, crafts etc. Please do your Christmas shopping here where all profits will go to our church. It would help if you could bring cash!!

Weekday readings from Year II

Monday 9 November
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday 10 November
Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
- Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Wednesday 11 November
Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop
- Mass 10.00 am - Carterton

Thursday 12 November
Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
- Mass 10.00 am - Burford

Friday 13 November
Feria in Ordinary Time
- Mass 10.00 am - Carterton

Saturday 14 November
Feria in Ordinary Time
- Vigil Mass 5.00 pm - Carterton

Sunday 15 November
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mass 9.30 am - Burford
- Mass 11.00 am - Carterton

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Dear Lord,
Lead us from death to life.
From falsehood to truth.
From fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love.
And from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts,
our world, our universe.
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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