THE MOST HOLY NAME & ST. EDWARD KING AND MARTYR – SHAFTESBURY
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TWENTY SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
PsalterWeek 2

Saturday 30th September	**Holy Mass – 5pm – For the People of the Parish**
Sunday 1st October	**Holy Mass -11am –** Mgr. David Silk - RIP
Monday 2nd October **The Holy Guardian Angels**	**No Holy Mass**
Tuesday 3rd October	**No Holy Mass**
Wednesday 4th October **St. Francis of Assisi**	**No Holy Mass**
Thursday 5th October **St. Faustina**	**Holy Mass – 9:30am – Ruby Harrow – Intention** **Holy Rosary – 10:05am**
Friday 6th October **St. Bruno**	**Holy Mass – 9:30am – For the Holy Souls in Purgatory** **Holy Rosary – 10:05am** **Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament – 6am – 6:30pm** **Benediction – 6:30pm**
Saturday 7th October **Our Lady of the Rosary**	**Holy Mass – 9:30am – Mgr. Harry Doyle – RIP** **Confessions – 10:05am** **Holy Rosary – 10:05am**

OCTOBER - THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this time, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. - Perhaps you could pray the Rosary with your family or/and with our fellow parishioners after the weekday Masses in the church. - ***"Those who have a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary will certainly never be lost."*** - St. Alphonsus Liguiri

GUIDANCE FOR THE SOUL - ***"My child, I am the Lord Who gives strength in the day of trouble. Come to Me when all is not well with you. Your tardiness in turning to prayer is the greatest obstacle to heavenly consolation, for before you pray earnestly to Me you first seek many comforts and take pleasure in outward things. Thus, all things are of little profit to you until you realise that I am the one Who saves those who trust in Me, and that outside of Me there is no worth-while help, or any useful counsel or lasting remedy."*** **—Thomas à Kempis - The Imitation of Christ**

CONFESSION – All devout Catholics go to Confession regularly. Confession is part and parcel of our life in Christ. We do not have to live separated from God by our sins. His mercy is always available to us so that we may live in His light and His peace. This is a priceless gift. We thank and praise God for His merciful love.

THE EVIL OF ABORTION - "*In the newspapers you read numbers of this one and that one being killed, this one being destroyed, but nobody speaks of the millions of little ones who have been conceived to the same life as you and I, to the life of God, and we say nothing, we allow it. - To me the nations who have legalised abortion are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the little one, they are afraid of the unborn child, and the child must die because they don't want to feed one more child, to educate one more child, so the child must die."* **- St. Mother Teresa**

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH/BECOMING A CATHOLIC – If you are a non-Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please speak to Fr. John. If you are a Catholic and you know anyone who is asking questions about the Catholic faith or anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic, please encourage them to contact Fr. John.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – Currently, we have two people seeking to learn more about the Catholic Faith with a view to being received into the Church next Easter. For this reason, our course this year will be based on the CCC. Come along and share with others, especially the enquirers, the precious gift of faith that you have received. - Give and receive - strengthen your own faith and help to strengthen the faith of others. Please sign the form in the church porch if

you intend to participate. You will need a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for the course. This weekly course (now begun) takes place in the church hall and will continue on Tuesday, 10th October at 7pm **Please prepare by reading the section on Article 1 of the Creed - "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth (paragraphs 199-231). PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THIS TUESDAY AS I HAVE A DIOCESAN MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY AND WILL NOT BE BACK IN TIME – SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU.**

FUNERAL MASS FOR HUGH ORME – RIP - Hugh's Funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday 12th October at 11am. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for Jane, his widow, and all his family and friends. . May he rest in peace and receive the reward of his goodness.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP FOR OUR DIOCESE - ***God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, you have given to your Church the perfect and eternal Priest, Prophet and King; and so you have blessed us through His Sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask you, Father, to enlighten those who are helping to choose the next bishop for our diocese. May the one chosen be a man of deep and true prayer; a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve; a man of joy and peace, who desires only to do your will; and a man, above all, who truly loves Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, and the Holy Church that He founded for our eternal salvation. Grant this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen. Mary Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, pray for us.***

WELCOMERS - Would you like to help us by being a Welcomer at Holy Mass? It is so important that everyone who comes to our church is warmly received in the name of Christ our Lord. Please speak to Fr. John if you can help.

FLOWER ARRANGERS - Volunteers are needed to help with flower arranging for the church. If you can help, please speak to Gabriele Cowgill – 07530459059.

ALTAR SERVERS – We are looking for more altar servers for the parish and especially for adult male servers. If you would like to serve the Lord in this privileged way please, speak to Fr. John.

ARE YOU A NURSE OR FIRST-AID TRAINED OR WILLING TO HAVE TRAINING? - If you are a nurse, first-aid trained or willing to be trained, would you offer to be our named. "go to" person for either of our weekend Masses? Please speak to Fr. John if you can help.

GIFT AID—UK TAX PAYERS PLEASE HELP - Please consider increasing your Mass offertory by 25% at no extra cost to yourself by gift-aiding it. The parish can reclaim tax at the rate of 25p (25%) for every £1 that you donate. Gift aid forms are available in the church porch. For further details please speak to Fr. John or contact our Gift-Aid organiser Victoria Bright.on 01963 363289 or email – victoriabright@rocketmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION – COUNTERS NEEDED - We have very few people who help with this necessary task. Please speak to Fr. John or to Jane Jago if you can help with counting.

THANK YOU – Thank you to all who give of their time, effort and resources to the service of Christ in His Church. God bless you and your families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 - If your child is due to start Year 3 or above in September 2023 and you would like him/her to be considered for First Holy Communion, please sign the list in the church porch.

CONFIRMATION - 2024 - If you are thirteen next year or older and would like to be Confirmed, please sign up on the list in the church porch. We hope to begin the preparation course in October.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES - THANK YOU – Michael Seymour and Ken Beedle are the Safeguarding Representatives for our parish. Michael's contact number is 07767813380 and Ken's is 07732820959.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION OF CHURCH & PRESBYTERY – A recent inspection has revealed a number of concerns and priorities regarding the repair and maintenance of our Church and Presbytery. The estimated figure for this work for the next twelve months is £20,500. I will be meeting with the surveyors soon to plan a schedule of works and will keep you informed of all proposals. In the meantime, may I ask you to consider donating towards the necessary repair and maintenance work that will have to be carried out. We may have to have an on-going retiring collection to raise the necessary funds. Please make cheques payable to "Shaftesbury RC Parish PRCDTR.". Thank you.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – £363:29. Monthly standing orders come to £1524.50. Thank you. If you want to give by standing order the details are: **Shaftesbury RC Parish PRCDTR – Sort Code: 54.41.30. Account Number: 05417953.** Thank you.

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Please pray for our sick parishioners: Patrick Dolan and Alexandra van Duivenbode

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK – ***"Confess your sins and acknowledge them readily, repenting of them abundantly. And through this confession of the heart and contrition of the soul, you will find cleanliness. …"*** **– St. Angela of Foligno**