

**THE MOST HOLY NAME & ST. EDWARD – SHAFTESBURY**  
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## **TWENTY SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Psalter 2**

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| <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>Holy Mass – 5pm – Anna Louise Cowgill – Intention</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>Holy Mass – 11am – For the People of the Parish</b>   |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>No Holy Mass</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><b>SS. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b><br><b>Archangels</b>    | <b>Holy Mass – 9:30am – Julie Geikie – Cobb - Intention</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><b>St. Jerome</b>   | <b>Holy Mass at Gillingham - 10am</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b><br><b>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</b><br><b>&amp; The Holy Face</b> | <b>Holy Mass – 9:30am – The Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>  |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b><br><b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>                                       | <b>Holy Mass – 9:30am – The Holy Souls in Purgatory</b><br><b>Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament – 6am-7pm</b><br><b>Benediction – 6:45pm</b> |
| <b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b><br><b>Saturday Memorial of the</b><br><b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>       | <b>Holy Mass 9:30am – Liam Reddan - RIP</b><br><b>Confessions 10am</b>   |

### **SIXTH MEDITATION - ON JUDGEMENT – FROM THE “INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE”** **- BY ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

**Preparation:** Place yourself in the Presence of God and ask Him to inspire you.

**Considerations:** - **1.** At the appointed time, after many dreadful signs and portents at which men will wither away from fear and expectation, a torrent of fire will reduce the entire earth to ashes, sparing nothing. - **2.** Then everyone shall rise from the grave, save those already risen, and – at the voice of the Archangel – shall gather in the Valley of Josaphat. But what differences! Some will have glorious and radiant bodies, others will have hideous and repellent ones. - **3.** Consider the Majesty of the Just Judge when He appears, attended by the Saints and Angels, His Holy Cross before Him and shining like the sun – a symbol of Divine Mercy for the good, and of Divine Justice for the wicked. - **4.** At His command, the good and the wicked will be separated – the good on His right and the wicked on His left – separated forever, never again to meet. - **5.** Then will all consciences be manifested – the sins and ingratitude of the wicked, the repentance and graces of the good, nothing being hidden. The wicked shall be confounded and the good consoled. - **6.** Consider the final sentence of the wicked. Go far from Me, you that are accursed, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt 25:41). Try to realise how terrible and irrevocable these words are; a sentence of everlasting banishment from the Presence of God, then to be called accursed by God – the most terrible and final of all maledictions, and an eternal one, for such a soul will suffer in everlasting torment. An eternity of suffering and separation from God – nothing could ever be more terrible. - **7.** Consider on the other hand what He will say to the good, drawing them into His Presence and His Heart, the Source of all Goodness. Come, you who have received a blessing from My Father (to be blessed of the Father is to receive all blessings); take possession of the Kingdom which has been prepared for

you since the foundation of the world (Matt 25:34) – this is the crown of all blessings, for this Kingdom shall have no end.

### **Spiritual Acts and Resolutions:**

**1.** Remember these things, my soul, and tremble at the thought of them. Who can save me, O my God, on the day when the very pillars of Heaven (Job 26:11) tremble with fear? - **2.** Detest your sins, which alone stand against you on that awful day. **3.** I will judge myself now that I may not be judged then; examine my conscience, condemn myself and amend my ways that the Just Judge may not condemn me on that dread and final day. To this end I will go to Confession and take all the means necessary.

### **Conclusion:**

**1. Thanksgiving.** Thank God for giving you the means of preparing for that terrible day, and for allowing you time to do penance. **2. Offering.** Offer Him your heart to this end. **3. Petition.** Ask Him to grant you the graces to take these means. - Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. - Your prayer completed, wander back in spirit among your considerations and gather a bouquet of spiritual thoughts to perfume your whole day.

**CLEANING ROTA CLEANERS - May I ask the church cleaners, who are on the cleaning rota, to take up their slots again to keep the Sanctuary and the main body of the church clean. It would be advisable to do this after 12noon when the church will be locked (except on Fridays) after prayer. Thank you.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS – 2020** – I am happy to inform you that seven of our children, who were due to make their First Holy Communion in June, will now be doing so on **8<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Mass at 11am.** Please note that, due to the social distancing regulations and the numbers involved, Holy Mass will also be offered at 9:30am on that day. Please do your best to come on Saturday evening or at 9:30am on Sunday morning as I would hate to turn anyone away because of overcrowding. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful Sacrament. Thank you.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021** – If you would like your child to make his/her First Confession & First Holy Communion in 2021, please sign the list in the church porch.

**ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place **next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 6am-7pm. Benediction will be at 6:45pm.**

**MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN** - My dear people, this is to let you know that the Holy Mass at 11am, is in danger of exceeding capacity attendance according the social distancing regulations that we are obliged to follow. Should numbers increase in the coming weeks we may not be able to accommodate everyone who turns up at this time. I hope and pray that we will be able to welcome everyone but this remains unsure. Please be aware that there are notably fewer people at the Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday evening and it would be well worth considering attending at this time or on a weekday if possible.

**GOOD PRACTICE** - When you come to church please enter through the main doors, wash your hands with the gel provided and observe social distancing. When you leave please, follow the exit sign. The exit point is to the right of the Sacristy entrance. **Please wear a face mask – we have some available if you do not have one.**

**TRACK AND TRACE** – Please fill out these forms that are available when you enter the church for Holy Mass.

**MARY'S MEALS** - Mary's Meals provide daily school meals to more than 1.6 million children, in 19 countries across the globe. £15.90 can feed a child for a whole school year! Their mission is simply to provide one daily meal in a place of learning to attract chronically poor children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in future, be a ladder out of poverty. To learn more go to [www.marymeals.org.uk](http://www.marymeals.org.uk)

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** – The weekly envelopes for the new tax year will be available soon. Perhaps those who give via the collection plate each week might now consider making a payment via cheque to the Presbytery made out to: **“Shaftesbury RC Parish PRCDTR.** or you might now like to set up a Standing Order / Direct Debit to our parish? The details are – **sort code: 54: 41: 30, account number: 05417953 and account name: Shaftesbury RC Parish PRCDTR.** I am sure you will appreciate that our regular income has lessened considerably and the bills are still coming in. Thank you.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** – Last week the collection came to £338.79. The monthly standing orders came to £988. Thank you for your generosity.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** - Please pray for our sick: Merry Arundell, Kirsty Harris, Patrick and Gillian Dolan, Irena Kate Magil and Greta Horsburgh.

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK** - *“Make my soul...Your cherished dwelling place, Your home of rest. Let me never leave You there alone, but keep me there all absorbed in You, in living faith, adoring You.”*

**St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**

## **APOLOGIES**

**My dear people, I am very sorry but the church has now reached its capacity according to the current social distancing regulations and we cannot admit any more people into the church.**

**I know how distressing this is and I truly wish it were otherwise. Our loving Lord Jesus knows the effort you have made to be with Him at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and I know He will bless yo**