



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**



Sun 12 July	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish Patrick Mulvany RIP Vera Neale RIP
Mon 13 July	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 14 July	Feria	9.30am	Julia Rice RIP
Wed 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor	9.30am	For Anna
Thur 16 July	Feria	9.30am	Lucy Falconer RIP
Fri 17 July	Feria	9.30am	Canon Christopher Tuckwell RIP
Sat 18 July	BVM	10.00am	Peter Rowntree RIP
Sun 19 July	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Cecil Rowntree RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Nechama Argent RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: currently offered in private.

Exposition and Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration): currently suspended.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun, for practical reasons, confessions cannot be heard before Mass at this time.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for July: Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance. Amen

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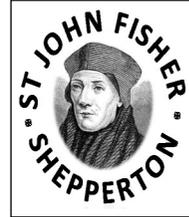
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Sunday 12th July 2020
15th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 15 -YR 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3



HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY
A sower went
out to sow

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Gospel reading today is the beginning of a new section in St Matthew's Gospel, called The Parabolic Discourse - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer.

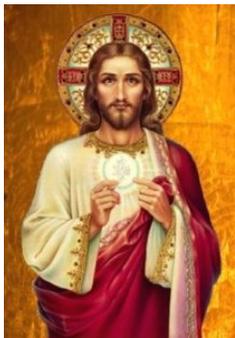
Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural community. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways. The ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the Word, is the person who allows the seed of God to lodge in their heart to produce a harvest. What is the harvest we should yield when we have heard the Word?

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We must sow the seed,
not hoard it.

St Dominic Guzman





**WE ARE OPEN
AND READY TO
WELCOME YOU BACK**

Last weekend we celebrated our first public Masses following the shut down in March. In common with other churches, we had a quiet start with approximately 25 people attending,

spread over the three Sunday Masses, so we had plenty of space, even with the restrictions.

It will take time for people to feel confident and safe enough to return; so we will continue to work hard for you to provide a safe church in which to come to Mass. The obligation to attend the Holy Mass on a Sunday has been lifted for the duration of the pandemic. If you feel less comfortable about coming to Mass on a Sunday, why not try attending Mass during the weekday? Every Mass has equal value, so come when you feel it is best, we will be glad to see you again. But please remember, if you feel unwell in any way, have Covid 19 symptoms, or if you are in the vulnerable category and continuing to shield to stay at home.

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO? We will continue to follow the two metre rule. Face covering are not compulsory but we do encourage you to wear a face covering (except when receiving Holy Communion). Everyone will be asked to use the hand gel on the way in and out. There is a one way system operating in the church, the Exit leads into the car park. Please do not try to leave the church via the entrance. Stewards will be around to assist you if you need help. Please sit in the seats indicated with a tick ✓ There are seats for couples to sit together on the centre aisle and single places on the outside of the benches. Families who live together or who 'share a bubble' can sit on any free bench together. Please be aware that you may not be able to sit in your familiar place or even to sit near to your friends because space is limited.

WILL THINGS BE AVAILABLE? For the time being there is no access to the repository, sacristy, church hall or toilets. Please bear this in mind

before deciding whether you should come to church. The car park will be open for use.

WILL MASS BE DIFFERENT? We are following the instructions for the Mass issued by the Catholic Bishops Conference. These instructions reduce the amount of time we spend indoors to 30 minutes maximum — which is perhaps less time than we spend in the supermarket or in visiting a pub. Holy Mass is therefore shorter than usual, and without singing. The second reading on a Sunday, the Intercessions, the Creed and the sharing of the peace are omitted. The offertory collection is also suspended, but a green offertory bucket to collect your weekly offering and envelopes will be on the altar rail by the new Exit door - Thank you for your support. If you are lighting votive candles please use the hand sanitiser before and after using the tapers. Single use Newsletters and Mass sheets are available at the entrance, but please take them home with you when you leave.

WHAT ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION OR A BLESSING? You have waited a long time to receive Holy Communion. The Body of Christ will be distributed by Fr Shaun at the very end of the Mass. Please remove your face covering, if you are using one. When you approach the priest, stretch out your arms fully and receive the Host on the flat palm of your hand. The priest will give you Holy Communion in silence – he will not say anything and you do not need to say 'Amen.' After receiving Holy Communion please leave the church by the Exit door leading into the car park - please do not return to your seat or remain in church. If you are not a Catholic or you are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you can still come forward for a Blessing in the usual way, crossing your arms on your chest. The Blessing will be given in silence.

WHAT IS THE SEATING CAPACITY INSIDE? The capacity in the church is currently 36 with additional space for families sitting together on a bench/pew. We can only admit into church those who arrive first of all. Once the spaces are full we will not be permitted to admit anyone else. We'll keep this under review and if we need to, we'll implement a booking system like some other churches, but we will let you know.

WHAT TIMES WILL HOLY MASS BE CELEBRATED?

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am
Saturday: 10.00am & 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8.30 & 10.30am

The church doors will open 15 minutes before the Mass starts. The church will be closed directly after each Mass for cleaning.

CAN I GO TO CONFESSION? For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun. For practical reasons this cannot be before Mass. When you do come to make your confession, please be brief and to the point. You will be asked to say your penance outside the church or on the way home.

We are still in challenging times, please be kind and understanding to those of us who are trying to implement the new guidelines, which are there to reduce risk and to help us all. We are indebted to our door stewards and cleaners, because without their volunteering, we couldn't open our doors. If you can offer to help then please do so, because we have to think for the long term going forward. Thank you for your support.

READERS AT MASS: If you are a regular reader at SJF please let a steward know when you arrive, if you are willing to read. The steward will let Fr Shaun know before Mass starts. The readings at Mass are currently printed on a single use sheet for each Mass rather than using the Lectionary. Remember, there is no second reading, but please also say the 'Alleluia'. Please use the hand sanitiser before and after reading.

WEEKLY COUNTERS: We are not working to a rota at the moment and new restrictions on counting the collection require 72 hours quarantine of cash before it can be handled. This means that we can't count until Wednesday at the earliest following a Sunday. Counting teams, can you manage a Wednesday? Currently we don't have a sufficient amount to count weekly so we are aiming for a fortnightly count.

IT ALL ADDS UP! Thank you to all those who are bringing in their weekly offertory envelopes saved up over the past months and to others who have moved over to a Standing Order, for their offering to the church. The earlier difficulties in setting up a Standing Order have been ironed out. Our

correct church bank account name is: WRCDT Shepperton (Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee) If you use anything else it won't get to us directly. Whatever way you make an offering to the Church, it's enormously helpful in this fallow time, thank you. Importantly however, we realise that this is also a very challenging period for many and church contributions might be difficult at this time. If you are in a position to help us now, you can use the Donate Page on our microsite: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Shepperton/donate> This page offers various ways to help us to keep on paying our bills, either with a one off gift donation or by setting up a standing order. Many thanks for your support.

HALL BOOKINGS: Sorry... we have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups.

DID YOU KNOW THAT JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD ... and pays tribute to the blood our Lord shed for us in his Passion and offered to us in the Eucharist for our salvation. This is a great reminder to us that the Host we consume at Mass is indeed the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and how joyous it is that we can receive this wonderful Sacrament in our church again.

A NOTE FROM MARGARET FITZGERALD: "Red Box holders, I will be delivering your envelope within the next couple of weeks. As it is not possible to bring your money to Church at present, there are several ways you can donate and full details are enclosed in the envelope". Thank you.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Bernadette Pepper, Pauline Bell

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY

Mary Ohlson, Joan Blues, Pam Hoghton,
Kitty Bale, Louise Heath (Pepper),
Dermot Rhatigan, Mary Fletcher,
Edward Fletcher, Peggy Rhatigan,
Thomas Schwartz (von Megyesi),
Joseph Reynolds, Bob Keating, Grace Ekkel

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD