




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



Sun ☒ 01 Nov	THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Winnie Lockwood RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 02 Nov	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED — ALL SOULS	9.30am	For all whom we have loved and lost - The souls of all the faithful departed.
Tue 03 Nov	Feria	9.30am	Elizabeth Bennett - Private intentions
Wed 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY 9.30AM — 10.00AM
Thur 05 Nov	Feria	9.30am	Joyce Tracey RIP
Fri 06 Nov	Feria	9.30am	Peacock Family - Private intentions
Sat 07 Nov	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	<b>10.00am - FHC</b>	For our children receiving their First Holy Communion this morning
Sun ☒ 08 Nov	<b>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Margery Owen RIP For the War Dead - military & civilian

**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 November:** Regarding Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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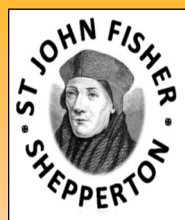
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**Sunday 1st November 2020**

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Week 31 -YR 2  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 3



# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN FISHER

Most of the Saints in heaven are anonymous saints. Even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own journey of perfection. What does it take to be a Saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit, these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. These ways are ways to be practised and perfected with those closest to us.

Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the Saints we know and don't know, also prompts us to see that holiness is within our grasp, if we simply keep the faith. Happy Feast!

**Thank you for wearing your face covering in church**



**WELCOME** to the Holy Mass today. This news sheet gives you some information for the week ahead. Please take it home with you for reference. There are also weekly sheets available for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Have a good week and may St John Fisher pray for us.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to baby Elsbeth Paul who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this week. Please keep Elsbeth and her family in your prayers at this time.

**FOR THE COMING WEEK:** The Holy Rosary will be in place of the Mass on Wednesday 4th Nov at 9.30am. On Saturday morning at 10.00am, Mass will be focused on the children who will receive their First Holy Communion. They have had a long wait, but they have now completed their classes and preparations, even with the challenges of the pandemic. Please keep them in your prayers.

**WE WELCOME BACK FROM FURLOUGH** Nathalie, our Parish Administrator. In a slight change, Nathalie will work in the church office on Monday mornings. Due to distancing, the office still remains closed to visitors, but you can still speak to Nathalie by phone. Traci, our Bookkeeper, works remotely on Mondays and is available via email.

**NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**  
In life we pray for our loved ones, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls.

**RED MEMORIAL CANDLES** During November we will be lighting memorial candles which burn for 6-7 days. You can collect a candle label now from the Repository by the entrance to the church. The cost per candle is £5. Please return the completed label—with the name(s) of those you wish to pray for and remember, in an envelope with your candle money and we will do the rest.

**ALL SOULS DAY:** commemorating the souls of the faithful departed, will be celebrated this coming Monday 2nd Nov with Mass at 9.30am. There will be no evening Mass this year.

**NEXT WEEKEND IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** A Requiem Mass for the war dead will be celebrated on 8th Nov at 10.30am. As Mass is shorter than usual, a two minute silence will be kept after the Homily. We don't have poppies this

year but you can support the tremendous work of the Royal British Legion and the *POPPY IN THE POST* appeal here: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

**THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES** will sadly not take place this year due to on going restrictions. However you can still visit graves privately. Names of the deceased can be included in the November lists of the dead, and a request for a Mass to be offered for the repose of the souls of your loved ones can be made anytime. Apologies for the disappointment. List sheets and envelopes for your departed family members are available at the back of the church today.

**HOLY HARDWEAR:** We are selling festive gifts earlier than last year, just in case Covid-19 restrictions are increased. We have Advent calendars for £1.50, Christmas Rosary bracelets and beads for £2, Christmas gift bags, 6 for £5 and Diaries for 2021 for £1.50. All in the Repository by the front entrance.

**THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and poster feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you.

**DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHOM WE ARE NOT REACHING?** Maybe an elderly person who lives alone and does not have the internet? Someone who is shielding with little family support who cannot get to Mass? Someone

whom we can simply call to keep in touch? Please do get in touch with us if you feel there is someone who needs support. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS:** A Certificate of Catholic Practice, confirms that you are practising your faith. A certificate can only be issued if there is evidence of this practice i.e. regular attendance at Mass, prior to the lockdown. A Baptismal certificate will also be required when making your request. Important guidance can be found here: <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/admissions-guidance/>

**CHECKING IN WITH NHS TRACK AND TRACE:** you can now use the NHS phone App to check-in, just open the app, press 'venue check in' and scan the QR Code with your mobile phone. Or give your name and contact number to one of the door stewards. Thank you for supporting us in this way.

**WELCOME BACK TO MASS** The Holy Mass is much shorter than usual and without singing. The second reading on a Sunday, the Intercessions and the sharing of the peace are omitted. The offertory collection is suspended, but a green offertory bucket for your weekly offering and envelopes is on the altar rail as you leave - Thank you for your support. Single use Newsletters and Mass sheets are available, but please take them home with you when you leave. Holy Communion is distributed as you leave. Using the benches at the front of the church first helps others to see where space is available more quickly. If seats are available in the middle of the bench, please use these first to avoid blocking a whole row. Families who live together can sit on any unoccupied bench together. Please put your face covering on before you enter the building, this is for the protection of others as well as yourself. When

queuing to receive Holy Communion (or a blessing), please keep the 1 metre distance between you and the person in front of you. We are glad to have you back with us.

**SOMETHING TO DO AS THE NIGHTS CLOSE IN:** BIBLE TIME LINE - a free course via live-stream starts Wednesday 4th Nov at 7.00pm (for 7 sessions). Register at: [Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)  
Information: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

**APOLOGIES:** our toilets and hall remain closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

**OUR CHURCH OF SJF** is not protected from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The closure of the church and hall and then the added costs of ensuring we are *Covid Secure*, with PPE such as hand sanitiser, antibacterial cleaners, masks, aprons and gloves, even before reopening, are impacting on us greatly. We continue to lose revenue from hall lettings and our weekly collections/donations from parishioners have dropped significantly. In the past few months our collections/donations have been down by £7,500.00 compared to last year. In addition, we have had unforeseen bills like a photocopier repair recently which cost us £448.00.

Many Parish Priests are now asking all of their church members to seriously consider moving onto a Standing Order and to review their offering to the Lord and to their church, (I am reviewing my own contributions to SJF as well). I am acutely aware that this is a challenging time for us all, but it is right that I should keep you informed when things at SJF are good or difficult and when things need addressing urgently — because as the body of Christ we are all in this together.

If you are reading this whilst shielding at home, I want to assure you that the church is open and ready for when you can return and I thank you for your continued support of SJF with your offerings and with your prayers whilst at home. Please pray for our church, and offer up this request in your prayers. If you feel able to move to a Standing Order you will find forms in church and also online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/standing-order-forms/> Thank you to all who have responded since last week. If you have any questions, please ask. Be assured of my prayers for you all at this difficult time.  
Fr Shaun.

#### PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

##### ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER

Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood,  
Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray,  
Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis,  
MaryAnge Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan,  
Richard Caplis, Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating,  
Mary Weathers, Caroline Pegley,

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**