



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



Sun ☒ 15 Nov	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF THE POOR Church open 9.30-10.30am	Mass offered privately	Tom & Mary Cahill RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	No Mass Today	
Tue 17 Nov	Feira	Mass offered privately	Departed members of the Mullahey family
Wed 18 Nov	Feria Church open 9.30-10.30am	Mass offered privately	Departed members of Emmanuel Nsubugas Family
Thur 19 Nov	Feria	Mass offered privately	A special request
Fri 20 Nov	Feria Church open 9.30-10.30am	Mass offered privately	Jim & Stella Tickner Sick
Sat 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass offered privately	Laura Nicholaou RIP All Holy Souls
Sun ☒ 22 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Church open 9.30-10.30am	Mass offered privately	Amiee Diekman RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

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.

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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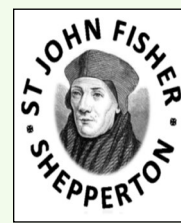
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**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**Sunday 15th November 2020
33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**
Well done, good
and faithful
servant

This Sunday marks both the last week of Ordinary Time and the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, as we prepare for the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, next Sunday. Today's readings, like those of last week, continue to remind us that we need to be prepared for the end of time, an event which the authors of the New Testament thought was imminent.

The First Reading from Proverbs suggests that we should embody all the qualities of 'the perfect wife' as seen through the eyes of the author. She is industrious and diligent, not just for her family but also for the poor and the needy.

In the Second Reading, St Paul tells us that the Day of the Lord will come when we least expect it, 'like a thief in the night'. We should remain wide awake in anticipation of the Lord's coming.

In the Gospel, the parable of the talents reminds us to use the gifts and talents we have for the benefit of others.

Everyone has been given a talent, and it is our duty to use it in the service of society. So this week, perhaps spend some time reflecting on how best to use the talent we have been entrusted with, so that when the time comes, we can also be called a 'good and faithful servant'

This Sunday's readings if you want to explore further:

Prov. 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31; I Thess. 5: 1-6; Mt. 25: 14-30



PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES are currently suspended, but the Holy Mass continues to be offered at SJF in private, for your intentions.

SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Loving God, open our ears to hear you in the cry of those living in poverty. Open our eyes to see you in the lives of the oppressed. Open our hearts to meet you in others and to respond with mercy and compassion. Pour out on us your grace so that we may grow as your faithful people, always seeking your kingdom of Truth, Justice and Peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MANNER FOOD BANK SUPPORTERS: The following are in short supply: Tinned cold meat - ham, chicken, luncheon meat, Spam. Fray Bentos tinned pies - or similar long-life pies. Crackers, tinned or sachets of custard. Long-Life cartons of juice, small sized tomato ketchup, crisps, tinned potatoes, instant mash - Smash type. Washing-up liquid, kitchen roll and hand wash. If you are thinking of donating Christmas food items (non perishable only and in date until at least 25th December) please ensure they reach the food bank by the first week of December at the latest, so that they can be added to parcels in good time. For more information go to: www.mannafoodbank.co.uk

CARDINAL VINCENT has recorded a message regarding the recent publication by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). You can see the video response via our own web sites or through this link: <https://youtu.be/hTqxZzX9i84>

JOAN COLNBROOK RIP We received the sad news this week that Joan, a faithful and well loved member of the congregation, died on Wednesday afternoon. Please pray for Joan, that her soul may rest in peace. We pray also for her family and friends who mourn her death at this time.

PRIVATE PRAYER THIS COMING WEEK: Although the Church nationally is closed for public worship, we are permitted to open for private prayer. On Wednesday, Friday and Sunday we shall open for an hour 9.30-10.30am. Thank you to our door stewards whose support will enable us to open at these times.

BLESSING OF GRAVES Fr Shaun blessed graves at Sunbury Cemetery on Thursday this past week.

LISTS OF THE DEPARTED: If you have a list of names of departed members of your family and friends, and would like them to be remembered at the Holy Mass, you can send them in via post, email or through the letterbox and we'll ensure they are added to the basket in front of the altar during November.

SHOPPING ONLINE: Did you know that if you shop on line with Amazon, they will donate to your chosen charity? Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price to the organisation of your choice; but you do have to make the request. **Catholic Voices** - a really good charity, which supports the promotion of Catholicism is listed among the charities. You'll receive the same products, same prices and the same service. Support your charitable organisation by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk and they will do the rest.

HOLY HARDWEAR: The Repository is still open if you happen to come to the church for your private prayers. We have Advent calendars for £1.50, Christmas Rosary bracelets and beads for £2.50, Christmas gift bags, 6 for £5 and porcelain angels for £4 We also have cards, candles, and chutney.

THANK YOU for supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last week. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. You can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you again, but most of all, please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARD EARLY BIRDS: Firstly, the general Post Office are selling Christmas stamps based on stained glass nativity scenes; just ask for them when you buy. Secondly, with current restrictions, we will not have a Christmas card box at the back of church this year. Please, therefore do not bring in cards to leave for other parishioners. Thank you for your understanding.

SIX O' CLOCK PRAYERS: Cardinal Vincent is encouraging us all to join with other Christians at 6.00pm each evening to pray for our nation, and for an end to the pandemic. Evening Prayer, the praying of the Angelus, or simply the Lord's Prayer would be a good place to begin.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

CAN YOU CONSIDER a Standing Order to help support SJF? This is a much simpler way, of supporting us. It means you won't need that Sunday scramble for cash, and once set up, you can forget about it! All you need to do is fill in a form, return it to us & let us do the rest. Having less cash in the church is much safer for us all and as would seem to be the case, more hygienic. Forms are available in church and also online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/standing-order-forms/> Thank you.

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Right To Life UK is a charitable organisation focused on life issues. They protect and defend the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. They are recruiting for full time workers in Westminster in education, media, public affairs, digital and operations. You can see the vacancies here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/jobs/>

PLEASE SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS that we are producing a newsletter each week. It might be just the link that some parishioners need, to help to keep them in the loop and up to date. If you would like to receive this newsletter directly into your email box, as soon as it is available, simply email us at: shepperton@rcdow.org.uk In the subject box just write 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER' and we'll do the rest.

FROM CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE GREENO – FESTIVE BAGS AT HOME: For the last 30 years at this time of year, we would be asking the congregations of the Shepperton Churches to commit to an act of kindness, by making a donation of various goods to enable Christmas Day lunch to go with a swing.

This year the Covid pandemic means that there will be no lunch, however our birthday will still be celebrated, by delivering now over 120 Festive bags of food treats and presents to those who have had a lonely year.

Once again we would ask for your help; could your Christmas Act of Kindness to us be a monetary gift (we cannot accept physical items this year) Please could you make a monetary gift by: Bank, Account name: Christmas Day at the Greeno, Account number: 53638514

Sort code: 54-41-51 Reference: your surname. Or by cash (through the door) to Stephen Gould 8 Barton Close, Shepperton, or to Caroline & Jon Button The Bramleys, Dunally Park, Shepperton. Many Thanks for all your help in the past and the future, it what makes the Shepperton church community fabulous. We wish you a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Caroline, Jon, Stephen, Sandy and Jo – Trustees
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PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER

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

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD