



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



Sun ☒ 22 Nov	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b> <b>Church open 9.30-10.30am</b> <b>With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Mass offered privately	For Aimee Diekman RIP  Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 23 Nov	Feria	No Mass Today	
Tue 24 Nov	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	Mass offered privately	For Reg Day, who is sick at this time
Wed 25 Nov	Feria <b>Church open 9.30-10.30am</b>	Mass offered privately	In thanksgiving for God's healing of a parishioner
Thur 26 Nov	Feria	Mass offered privately	For Joaquim Fernandes, in thanksgiving
Fri 27 Nov	Feria <b>Church open 9.30-10.30am</b>	Mass offered privately	For deceased former clergy of our parish
Sat 28 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass offered privately	For Tania Jalland RIP For Maureen Bernardinis RIP
Sun ☒ 29 Nov	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Church open 9.30-10.30am</b>	Mass offered privately	In thanksgiving for the Nsubuga Family  Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** currently offered in private.

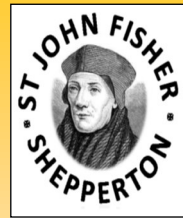
**Exposition and Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration):** currently suspended.

**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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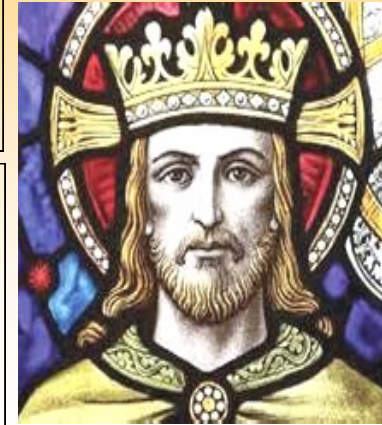


Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Week 34 -YR 2  
  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 2

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**Sunday 22nd November 2020**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**King of the Universe**



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**

"He will take his seat  
on his throne of glory,  
and he will separate  
men one from  
another"

*Shepherd King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wandering sheep,* are words from the hymn: Hail Redeemer, King Divine. This hymn would have been perfect for this weekend, had we not been in lock down. The hymn captures the readings perfectly. Our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to be the judge, separating his own sheep from those who do not belong to him.

Coming to the end of the Church's Year, leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement at the end of time is not viewed by us, as a terror, but as coming home. Look back to the Isaiah reading from the 28th Sunday (Isaiah 25:6-10), to see what homecoming party is offered to us. For the time being, we try hard to live holy lives and long for the day when the Lord will come. Happy Solemnity!



This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Have a great weekend.

Have a prayer-filled Solemnity.

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

**SUNDAY IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY.** On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is...



Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically, as we were, we are united together in prayer. So this weekend, we pray for the young people of our Parish. For lots more for the family and for you to read: Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more info' see: [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com)

**WE ARE UP AND RUNNING** ... with a new Church Members' Database. One of the biggest frustrations, particularly since the *lockdown*, has been the lack of an up to date and secure church members' database. Our new database will assist us enormously in keeping in touch and in helping us to support you when needed. You may well have completed registration/member forms in the past, but we cannot use those details now. So please register as a parishioner - member of SJF now. You can register online via our microsite: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/church-registration-sign-up-here/>

Online registration is easy, it eliminates paper use, it helps to reduce errors and, in this time of pandemic, avoids paper handling. All parishioners, be they new or those who have been regular worshippers over many years, should register. If you are housebound or temporarily isolating at home, it is really important to register, so that we can keep in touch with you.

It would be good to complete the registration of church members before the end of this year. If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a form, when you are next in church. Thank you.

**FACTS AND FIGURES:** the Annual Report of the Westminster Diocesan Trust is out now. You can read it on line at [www.rcdow.org.uk/allabout-us](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/allabout-us) The theme chosen for the Report: *Lumen Christi*, is very appropriate in view of the current pandemic. It is by the light of Christ that we continue to walk, even when all around us appears dark. The Diocese of Westminster is one of the smallest dioceses in England and Wales in geographical area, but the largest in terms of Catholic population and Priests. The Diocesan boundaries include the London boroughs north of the River Thames, between the River Lea to the east and the Borough of Hillingdon to the west, the County of Hertfordshire to the north and the Borough of Spelthorne in the south. Last year 136,000 people attended Mass each Sunday, in our 212 parish churches. Last year 90,000 students were educated in our 208 schools; and 870 social action projects were supported by some of the 40,000 volunteers who help in numerous ways in our churches week on week. Have a look at the report, it's interesting reading - and if you happen to like numbers, pie charts and graphs - there is plenty to look at!

**PRECISION:** the health and safety consultants, *Precision*, appointed by our Diocese, made their annual visit to inspect SJF buildings and to ensure we are health and safety compliant. They inspected our fire, safety and emergency provision, tested our electrical appliances and inspected our risk assessment documentation to ensure that everything is as it should be.

The consultant commented in his report "...the standards of safety within your Parish are exceptionally high, and I thank you all for your hard work in achieving this" This is very good news indeed. Our thanks to parishioner, Keiron O'Shea who monitors our health and safety provision on a voluntary basis throughout the year. Thank you Keiron for your dedicated work.

**MANNA FOOD BANK SUPPORTERS:** 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](http://www.mannafoodbank.co.uk)



**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY:** In the Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before the great celebration of the birth of Christ - Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to arrive," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives, through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. The Agency for Evangelisation, have prepared some resources for us to use for Advent, whilst we are at home. They are available on our web sites. Paper copies are also available with this news sheet in church.

**INDEPENDENT FAITH ENGAGEMENT REVIEW:** The Government would like to hear from you. The questionnaire is rather hefty and takes about half an hour to complete. But, if you want to help inform future government policy, do so here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

**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.

**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.

**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.

#### 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.

#### PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Peter Pollard, Joan Colnbrook  
**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,