



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



Sun ☒ 06 Dec	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Susan Carvelle & work of the London Clinic For an end to the Pandemic Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 07 Dec	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	No Mass at SJF Today	
Tue 08 Dec	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM</b> Patron of the Diocese	Apologies, no Mass at SJF today	<b>The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am in church</b>
Wed 09 Dec	Advent Feria	9.30am	Josie McCarthy RIP
Thur 10 Dec	Advent Feria	9.30am	Frances Sreenan RIP
Fri 11 Dec	Advent Feria	9.30am	Joan Colnbrook RIP
Sat 12 Dec	Advent Feria	10.00am	Helen Rowntree RIP
Sun ☒ 13 Dec	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (Gaudete Sunday)	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Brendan O' Connell RIP Alexander Swan - a private intention Patricia Baldock 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.

**Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for December:** For a life of prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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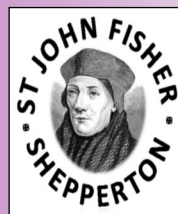
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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday readings  
Advent 2  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 2

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**Sunday 6th December 2020**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**  
Make his  
paths straight

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our readings focus clearly on the Second Coming of the Lord - not so much on the run up to Christmas (until the last week). If we view Advent as a preparation for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears in the Gospel reading today. If it's all about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, is a confusing figure: but his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (Second) coming of the Lord.

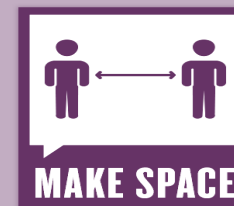
Today the reading from Saint Peter offers a startling picture of the end of time and the Second Coming. So to balance, the first reading offers tender words of comfort to help us understand who is coming, and why we should be ready to meet him.



**WASH HANDS**



**COVER FACE**



**MAKE SPACE**

Protect your  
loved ones.  
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**CHRISTMAS WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR ...** not least because the Masses will be said, without singing and therefore shorter in duration. In order to keep us *Covid Secure*, we will be limiting the numbers of people in church. The balcony area which we have used as an overspill in previous years, will also be closed. There will be no requirement to reserve places for the Masses, we'll just work on a 'first come, first served basis' - as we have been doing over the past months. Please consider attending a less busy Mass over the Christmas period, to be sure to get a seat more easily. Please take note of the time of Masses, as some start times will be different to previous years.

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday 24th Dec**

Morning Mass of Advent: 9.30am  
 Vigil Mass of Christmas: 6.00pm  
 Midnight Mass begins 9.00pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday 25th Dec**

Mass of the Nativity: 8.30am & 10.30am

**BOXING DAY - Saturday 26th Dec**

Mass of St Stephen: 12.00noon  
 Vigil Mass for Sunday: 6.00pm

**Sunday 27th Dec - The Holy Family**

Mass at 8.30am & 10.30am

**Mon 28th Dec - Fri 1st Jan - No Masses at SJF**

**Saturday 2nd Jan**

Mass 10.00am  
 Vigil Mass for Sunday 6.00pm

**Sunday 3rd Jan - 2nd Sunday after the Nativity**

Mass at 8.30am & 10.30am



**HOLY HARDWEAR:** The Repository is open. We have 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!

**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

**WELCOME** to the Holy Mass today. This news letter 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. To keep us Covid Secure, we are not permitted to reuse Newsletters or Mass sheets, so please do not leave them in church after you have attended Mass. Have a great week ahead.

**COVID-19 AND VACCINATION** The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued a statement, in light of the tremendous news, of approval for a vaccine. You can read the statement here:

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) If you don't have internet access, you can ask for a paper copy from Fr Shaun.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** The new Westminster Year Book 2021 is available to buy from the Repository. The book contains full listings of Catholic Parishes, Priests, Schools and Societies. If you happen to like number crunching, there is also a section on statistics. The Liturgical Calendar for 2021 is also listed. The Year Book is priced £4.50p

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** if you consider yourself a church member at SJF, please do complete a Registration Form. Many parishioners may well have been coming to SJF for years, but we still need you to register, so we are fully up to date. Please register as a member of your church now. You can do so online via our microsite:

[St John Fisher Online Registration 2020 V2 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://rcdow.org.uk)

Paper copies are also available from the church. Your information will be securely stored electronically and will never be shared with others. Thank you for your support.

at the back of church this year. Please, therefore do not bring in cards to leave for other parishioners. Thank you for your understanding.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?** *Sycamore* – are running an online Advent course for four weeks: Searching for God in life – a renewal of faith. <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

**LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?** For details of all job vacancies in the Diocese of Westminster please visit the Westminster diocesan website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**IT IS A BEAUTIFUL GIFT** to request a Mass intention on a specific date for a loved one, for a birthday, a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died. Mass cards are available from the repository for all occasions. Please see Fr Shaun to request your Mass. The suggested diocesan Mass offering (stipend) is £10 or whatever you can afford. Your offering will help enormously in supporting the mission of SJF church. 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 on: 01932 563116 if you feel there is someone who needs support. Thank you.

**A CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING** (for all to say)  
 Lord God, we praise you for the light of creation – sun, moon and stars; we praise you for the light of Israel – Law, Prophets and Scripture; we praise you for Jesus Christ our everlasting light. As we light our tree, may our hearts be filled with joy, and may all who delight in this tree be brought to the light of knowledge and the joy of Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**  
 Norman Parsons, Peter Pollard, Joan Colnbrook

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS DECEMBER**  
 Lynn-Marie Szczelkun, Herbert Bishop, James Loftus, Dominic Dyer, Alice Cane, Maurice Dodd, Robert Tams, Terry Ryan, Francis Curley, Lillian Maloney, John Cunningham, Sheila Barrett, Daniel Hodgson, Wilbert West-Watson, Alan South, Marina Schwartz, John Byrne, Sheila Passey, Mary McCarthy, Denis Miranda.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**

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