



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



Sun ✕ 17 Jan	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Monique & Robert Kemlin - RIP Silvio Fernandez - In thanksgiving
Mon 18 Jan	Feria	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 19 Jan	Feria	Mass will be offered privately	In thanksgiving for the Emmanuel family
	Requiem	2.30pm	Funeral Mass for Lorna Troop RIP
Wed 20 Jan	Feria	9.30am	Geri Tennant - Sick
Thur 21 Jan	St Agnus, Virgin & Martyr	Mass will be offered privately	Reg Day RIP
	Requiem	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Reg Day RIP
Fri 22 Jan	Feria	Mass will be offered privately	For all souls in purgatory
Sat 23 Jan	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass will be offered privately	For all who have died during the pandemic
Sun ✕ 24 Jan	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF THE WORD OF GOD)	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Emily Theobalds RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For all who are sick with Covid & HIV

Holy Rosary Prayers: currently offered in private. **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 January: Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another and open to all.

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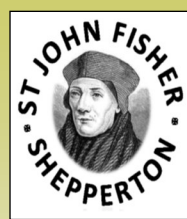
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**Sunday 17th January 2021
2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
Year 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**

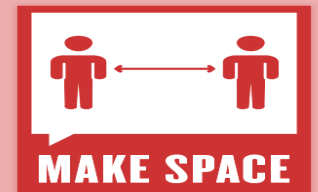
**"Samuel, Samuel!"
"Here I am!"**

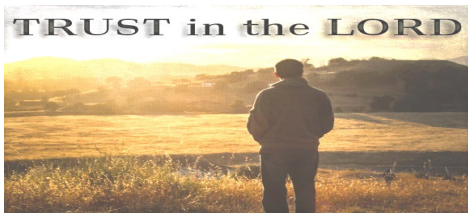
**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master. May the Lord continue to bless us on our journey of faith.



As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all the most vulnerable in society. Lord hear us.





UPDATE ON THE LOCKDOWN AND THE CHURCH:

For the time being, we are permitted to continue public Masses at SJF. We have high Covid positive rates in Shepperton at the moment and in common with other Catholic churches in our Deanery, some of our weekday Masses are now said privately. Please see the timetable for Holy Mass changes. All Mass intentions will be offered as usual, be that at the public Mass or when the Holy Mass is said in private. If you or a member of your household are vulnerable, clinically compromised, or shielding, it is important that you do not come. Additionally, if you have a cough, even if you think it's a common cold, please remain at home until you are fit.

Thank you for wearing a face covering, they are compulsory in our buildings at all times - even outside of the Mass. There is an update regarding face coverings: a see through face visor or shield can be worn, but in addition to a face covering, not instead of one. This is because face visors or shields do not adequately cover the nose and mouth and therefore offer less protection for you and for others. Almost all of our children are wearing face coverings in SJF, this is brilliant - thank you, but a reminder, if your child is 11 years old or over, a face covering must be worn, Thank you.

Last week, the seating configuration was changed to allow for more distance between worshippers. We are only permitting 3 parishioners per bench, unless a family /bubble are sitting together.

Holy Communion at home for the sick continues to be suspended, but the Sacrament for those who are close to dying (commonly called the Last Rites of the Church) will still be administered. If a parishioner is in hospital, the Catholic Hospital Chaplain can be advised via the nurses station on each ward. Parish clergy are not permitted to go on to the wards during the pandemic. The celebration of Holy Baptism is currently suspended and First Holy Communion (FHC)

Registration will not take place for the time being. Our young people, preparing for Holy Confirmation, are still, waiting to finish their course and to receive the Sacrament. When there is a clearer way to proceed, we'll let you know. There will be no registration for a new class for Holy Confirmation during 2021.

Many people are naturally feeling anxious at the moment about the spread of Covid. But we have hope, with the roll out of the two new vaccines. Please pray at home for an end to the spread of the virus and for the safe distribution of the vaccine. Please also pray for all who are in hospital and for those who are sick at home, who have tested positive, including members of the clergy across our Diocese. Thank you.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For those not able to receive Holy Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY: for Lorna Troop RIP and for Reg Day RIP (and for their families), whose Funeral Masses will take place this coming week. If you hope to attend either Mass, it is important that you contact the respective families to let them know. This is because current Covid protocols only allow for up to 30 people to attend a funeral in church.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: From 18th-25th January, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, in other Christian communities, especially those in Shepperton and the surrounding areas. We pray that one day we may be as one Church.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: The 27th January is the day for everyone to remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. In the UK, over past years,

thousands of local events and activities have taken place - each one an opportunity for people to reflect on those whose lives were changed beyond recognition, and to challenge prejudice, discrimination, and hatred in our own society today. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future. The theme for HMD 2021 is 'Be the light in the darkness'. It encourages us to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities lit the darkness before, during, and after genocide.

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'YEAR OF ST JOSEPH' - On the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as 'Patron of the Catholic Church' by Blessed Pius IX, Pope Francis has proclaimed 'A Year of St Joseph' from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun. Please be advised that it is not possible to hear confessions before Mass.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE GREENO CENTRE, FESTIVE BAGS AT HOME 2020: As many readers will now be aware, we have delivered festive gift bags to around 130 recipients. We are pleased to advise that all of our costs were covered by donations with this project and we would like to thank the Shepperton Community for their generous support, both financially and practically, it is what makes the Shepperton community so special. We have received so much positive feedback from both recipients and many others who have been involved with this project. Thank you to the volunteers who helped wrap presents and pack

the bags and those who provided various transportation needs and the lovely drivers who delivered the bags around the community. Those who gave resources, practical and financial: The Shepperton Community, The Co-op Local Community Fund, Surrey County Council Supportive Community Fund, St. Nicholas C of E Church, St John Fisher Catholic Church, St Andrew's Baptist Church, St Mary Magdalene C of E Church, Daines and Gray Butchers, Bazelys & Co Estate Agent, Angie, Gerry, Shawn, Mark and all the staff and regulars at The Bell Inn, Shepperton Dry Cleaners, Shepperton Residents Association, Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club, the Pupils & staff at St Nicholas C of E School, The Mayor Cllr Colin Barnard, The Red Lion, DMI Productions and many others who donated privately. We wish you peaceful & healthy New Year.

Caroline, Jon, Stephen, Sandy and Jo - Trustees
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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: We hope, next week, to give you some information as to how we have managed during 2020 and the impact that Covid has had (and continues to have), on our finances.

GOING LIVE! Last week, we promised some good news. Recently, a fellow Catholic (though not a parishioner here), who supports our mission, made a large gift donation to SJF. This is specifically to pay for the cost of equipment and installation, to enable us to live stream the Holy Mass on the internet. The date of installation is still to be confirmed, but this is really great news, especially for our parishioners who are shielding. More details hopefully next week! Deo Gratias.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Nora O'Donnell, Reg Day, Lorna Troop

(also for those who have died as a result of the pandemic)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY

Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson,
Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane,
Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson,
Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson, Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi, Margaret Walker,
Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel, Tony Hill.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD