



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



Sun ☒ 07 Feb	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am and online	For Jack & Margaret Carlton RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Silvio Fernandez - in thanksgiving
Mon 08 Feb	Feria	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 09 Feb	Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Wed 10 Feb	St Scholastica, Virgin	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For the Richardson Family
Thur 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mass Publically and online at 9.30am	For Joan Colnbrook RIP
Fri 12 Feb	Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For all souls in purgatory
Sat 13 Feb	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ☒ 14 Feb	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am and online	For Julie Reidy RIP For Ray Horsfield RIP For Fr Tony Oleh - Intentions

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.

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Sunday 7th February 2021
**5TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**
"He cured many who
suffered from diseases
of one kind or another."

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

The world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter disease, sickness and death. We have seen this over the past year, more than at any other time in recent history.

Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems.

Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is, in some sense, a parable or teaching pointing about the lost happiness and perfection, which he is restoring.

This vision of Paradise is not utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.



WELCOME to the Holy Mass today. This news letter gives you some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Have a good weekend.

WE ARE LIVE: Recently we gave you the great news that a supporter of our work, 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 via the internet. At the time of writing, the installation is ongoing. Will there be teething problems and bumps along the way? Most likely, especially with the sound, which will take a while to adjust. Please bear with us. You can check it out by going onto *YouTube* and typing St John Fisher Shepperton, to get to our channel page. Next week we'll let you have a direct link to the page.

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.

WANT TO HELP THE NHS & THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME? If you would like to be considered as a volunteer for the NHS and you are not in a high risk category, you can check out the requirements via this link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/join-the-nhs-covid-19-vaccine-team/>

ASH WEDNESDAY this year will, be rather different to previous years. The Vatican has issued special instructions regarding the distribution of ashes, mindful of the current health emergency. Instead of our foreheads being marked with ash, the priest will sprinkle the ash directly over your head. This is common practice already in some other countries. Ordinarily we would have a morning and evening Mass. However, as most people are working from home, we shall have two Masses, one at 9.30am and the other at 11.30am.

COMING TO MASS AT THIS TIME: In common with other Catholic churches in our Deanery, some of our weekday Masses are now said privately (but will hopefully be available through live streaming soon). Please see the timetable for weekly 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 your 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 in the church. Thank you.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Ash Wednesday - 17th Feb
1st Sunday of Lent - 21st Feb
St Patrick - 17th March
St Joseph - 19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th Mar
Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week - 28th Mar
Maundy Thursday - 1st Apr
Good Friday - 2nd Apr
Holy Saturday - 3rd Apr
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 4th Apr

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

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

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH: SJF relies (and thrives) on the support of its members. At this time it really helps if you can make your donations by standing order or direct bank payment - as this minimises cash handling and

helps us enormously in budgeting.

The parish's bank details are as follows:

Account Name: WRCDT Shepperton

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 01095382

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper. If you're a taxpayer, why not Gift Aid your donation? The government will top up your gift by 25%, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25, at no extra cost to you. Just let us know and we'll get on to it.

If it is easier, you can also support us electronically here: Donate to our Parish | Roman Catholic Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk) Or by using the card reader in church if you are able to attend. Whatever way you help to support us, 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.

RESTORED LIVES: Monday 8th February 2022 for nine weeks (via Zoom). This ecumenical resource is designed to enable individuals to recover from relationship breakdown. Through facilitated sessions guests are provided with the tools and insights to resolve the emotional impact of separation and divorce. To book your place on the course visit <https://www.restoredlives.org/online-course-relationship-breakdown>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY: St Paul's Catholic College is in the top 10% of schools nationally and is currently looking to appoint a Foundation Governor to join the Governing Body. They are particularly interested in anyone who has a background in education or commerce, however, this position is not applicable to any existing parents of St Paul's children. For further information with regard to this role please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Jo Chappell, directly on 01932 704119 or email jchappell@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is sponsored anonymously this week, for all who are suffering during the pandemic. If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament lamp, burning by the Holy Tabernacle, for your intentions, the cost is £5 for the whole week.



Sponsorship helps towards the costs of sanctuary candles, thank you. Contact the office by email or telephone to book your week.

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records and that you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Because of the current restrictions, parish clergy are not allowed to visit the wards, but the Catholic hospital chaplain will see you, just ask at the nurses station and they will arrange this for you

JUST A REMINDER: www.heavensroadfm.com is a good Catholic radio, broadcasting 24/7. It has music, feature programmes, traditional prayers, Rosary, Angelus, the Holy Mass and podcasts. Just Ask Alexa to: "play Heavens Radio FM"

STAFFING: Nathalie in the office, continues on furlough. Traci has returned to furlough, having completed the end of year accounts.

MANY THANKS to our volunteer door stewards, who continue to check parishioners into the church, clean benches, kneelers, tables and doors, after every Mass, totalling many hours. Your kindness is much appreciated!

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Joseph Tranter, Julie Reidy,
Joaquim Dos Santos Cavalheiro,
Joao Rodrigues Teixeira,
Nora O'Donnell, Reg Day, Lorna Troop

(and for all who have died
as a result of the pandemic)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS FEBRUARY

Canon George Groves, Peter Madyslam,
Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael Groarke, Mary Pitfield,
Fr Ron Aylward, Bernard Bunce, Nora Harris,
Raymond Restel, Anne Quinn, Terry Sharratt,
Brenda Jones, Patrick Harris, Barbara Hughes,
Stephen Marriage.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD