



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



Sun ☒ 14 Feb	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	For Julie Reidy RIP For Ray Horsfield RIP For Fr Tony Oleh - Intentions
Mon 15 Feb	Feria	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 16 Feb	Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	Bernadette Hubert — sick
Wed 17 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY Day of fasting and abstinence	Mass 9.30am & 11.30am Publically and online	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thur 18 Feb	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	Winnie Powell RIP
Fri 19 Feb	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	Raymond Rolf RIP
Sat 20 Feb	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 10.00am</i>	Joaquim Fernandez & family - in thanksgiving
Sun ☒ 21 Feb	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	Terry White RIP For Julie Reidy RIP Cajaton D'Souza RIP

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 14th February 2021
**6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
Week 6 - Year 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**
"The leprosy left
him at once and
he was cured."

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"When the stomach is full it is easy to
talk of fasting."**
St Jerome



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.



THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS...

From Wednesday onward the Holy Season of Lent begins and the Church moves into a different mood, with the hanging of purple banners, the removal of flowers and a change in the Gospel acclamation. We save the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria*, the flowers and brighter vestments and hangings for the celebrations at Easter. In this way we start to be guided on our journey through Lent and helped to examine our lives in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We are reminded that Lent is not just about what we give up, its about who we become!

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from the palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday. These are placed on the heads of people to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As Christians we believe that we are called to continuously 'turn back' to God and live a holy life. This symbol is a reminder that this life is short and our real lives will begin when we are raised to New Life in the Communion of Saints.

This year, due to restrictions, the sign of ash will be made in the ancient practice of sprinkling the ash on the top of your head and not with the sign of the cross on your forehead. This is common practice 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. There is also an 'At Home' Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, available on our web site together with a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent.

DURING LENT THIS YEAR: There will be no public celebration of the Stations of the Cross. However a good selection of Stations of the Cross with

excellent meditations can be found *on line*. Here are some:

Stations by Alphonsus Ligori

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=iElvGC1WsbM>
Or click: [Stations of the Cross \(Catholic\) - By St Alphonsus Liguori - YouTube](#)

Instructive Stations - Bishop Robert Barron

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pJNjtA-Awb4>
Or click: [The Stations of the Cross with Bishop Barron - YouTube](#)

For children - EWTN

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=KoQR30np5us>
Or click: [Way of the Cross for Kids - YouTube](#)

A copy of the Stations of the Cross used here at SJF is available from our web sites to download and print off to use at home.

WE ARE NOW LIVE: You can pray the Mass on line via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3GaZfMCYHQQMndxN91BhA> or just go to YouTube and type St John Fisher Shepperton into the search area. The picture is good but we are still ironing out sound quality issues. Masses are at the usual times, but you can also view them later if the time is not convenient for 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.

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 ARE available through live streaming). Please see the timetable for weekly changes.

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. 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:

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is sponsored this week by Joao Teixeira for his family intentions.

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.

CATHOLIC VOICES: a recent survey gave a picture of how Catholics were coping with the pandemic. Clergy & Laypeople, Catholics and Non Catholics are invited now to take a second survey, to give insight into the lives of Christians in lockdown. Go to: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: A St Joseph Novena - 11th-18th March. A diocesan resource from the Agency for Evangelisation and Caritas. Go to: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/st-joseph-novena/>

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: [WRCDD 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 by clicking: [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!

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.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

WANT TO HELP THE NHS & THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME? If you would like to be considered go to: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/join-the-nhs-covid-19-vaccine-team/>

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

Samuel William Elliott, Canon George Groves,
Peter Madyslam, Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael
Groatke, 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