



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



All Masses are public and are also streamed online via *YouTube*: St John Fisher Shepperton

Sun ✘ 30 May	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For all who are sick, especially with Covid For Mateus Gurjao RIP
Mon 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	Bank Holiday
Tues 01 June	St Justin, Martyr	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun is on leave	
Wed 02 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Eileen and Robert Tams RIP
Thur 03 June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	Mass 9.30am	For all departed souls, especially those who have no one to pray for them
Fri 04 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For our Confirmandi - our teenagers preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Sat 05 June	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Mass 10.00am	For all who are new to our church community at SJF
Sun ✘ 06 June	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Silvia Fernandes & Joaquin Fernandes in thanksgiving

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of June: The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for all young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community; may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. Lord hear our prayer.

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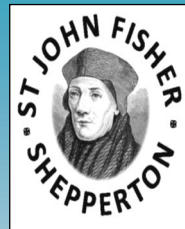
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Sunday 30th May 2021

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 9
Divine Office
Psalter Week 1



We begin our Summer 'Ordinary Time' by celebrating an unusual feast - not of a particular saint or event, but of the awesome paradoxes of our God, the Three-in-One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: so immeasurably distant, yet so amazingly close, so full of power and so full of love. It is love that is the key to the mystery: the revelation of God, to Moses and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shows a perfect love - a perfect

unity. In the beginning, in the story of Creation in Genesis, God made man and woman 'in the image and likeness of God', to live together as a community of love. So too, the Church is an image of this perfection of community which is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We, as many members of one Church, strive in our everyday lives to imitate God who is Three in One, perfect unity and perfect love.

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:

How often do you make the Sign of the Cross? Every day? More than once a day? Every time we do, we say the words that we celebrate today – "Father and Son and Holy Spirit." God is "Father and Son and Holy Spirit."

What does this mean? There is something special about the number three: think about one person, on their own – isolated, possibly lonely. Think about two people together – talking, chatting, but just for each other. But now think of three people together, talking and laughing with each other, perhaps even dancing! The really important thing about three people together is there is room for others in the middle! And this is our



God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, but with "room in the middle" for you and everyone! If there are three of you, stand making that triangle and think of how our God makes "room in the middle" for us!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN FISHER

WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead, with a special section on the front page, especially for Little Church. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. If you are at home, you can pray the Mass with us on-line, just go to **You Tube** and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA

GETTING GOING AGAIN Over the past few months we have seen a welcome, steady increase in attendance at our three Sunday Masses over the weekends. Our weekday Masses remain quiet, so if you are feeling anxious about returning to worship again, this would be a good route back. Our average Sunday Mass attendance currently is around 70 per cent of the usual 220 parishioners, before the pandemic lockdown. All things considered, this is good news. We have also welcomed several new families since the first lockdown and those who remain at home, now have the opportunity to pray the Mass with us on-line. However, we are still some way off from a return to our usual pattern of worship and social activities, especially regarding our hall. We continue to sign-in on arrival, for Track and Trace and we continue to use our face coverings. The seating is still limited and spaced but we are getting going gradually, whilst we await news on the further lifting of restrictions.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those praying with us at home and those present at Mass not receiving 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 NOTE: There will be no celebration of the Mass here on Mon or Tue this coming week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: As this is Half Term week, there will be no FHC class on Tuesday. Children, have a great week on holiday!

REMINDER OF DATES: Holy Confirmation (Class of 2020, postponed from last year): Tuesday 22nd June at 7.30pm with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. First Holy Communion (Class of 2021), Sunday 18th July at 10.30am.

BE AN ANGEL: We need to maximise our limited seating, whilst keeping safe. If you are sitting alone, please use the seats in the centre of a bench first. If you block a row by sitting on the end, nobody can safely get past you.

CALLING ALL ADULTS If you are a Catholic adult but have missed out on being Confirmed, or you are a non Catholic, thinking about becoming a Catholic, a new preparation group, especially for adults, will be starting later in the year. The group will be run by me (hopefully with some additional helpers) and will be tailored directly to those in the group. If you think this might be of interest to you, just email me at:

shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk Fr Shaun.

APOLOGIES the Church Hall and toilets remain closed for the time being.

ENTERPRISING CATHOLICS is an organisation offering start-up advice and mentoring for Catholics considering setting up new enterprises (be they businesses, professional, social enterprises, or charities). It connects Catholics with other Catholics getting started ('mentees') or who have already founded such enterprises and want to share their experiences ('mentors'). If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor or mentee, visit: www.enterprisingcatholics.org or email: volunteer@enterprisingcatholics.org

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 1st - 4th July Call or text 0788 7296983 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

CAN YOU CONSIDER ... a Standing Order to help support SJF? This is a simple and direct way, of making your weekly/monthly donation offerings to God and his Church. It means you don't need the 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 all around and avoids the need for us to quarantine money for 72 hours (as is currently required), before being counted and taken to the bank. Have a think and consider this in your prayers. If you are able, forms are available in church, next to the Mass sheets and are also available on-line at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/standing-order-forms/> Whatever way you support your church, thank you!

FOOD BANK UPDATE: Thank you, if you are dropping off food supplies into our Food Bank Box. As both the Jubilee and Manna Food Banks are currently well stocked, your kind donations are going directly to help others via *Surplus to Super*. Keep up the good work – it's brilliant!

SHOPPING ONLINE: Did you know that if you shop on line with Amazon, they will donate to your chosen charity? Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price to the organisation of your choice; but you do have to make the request. **Catholic Voices** - is a really good charity, which supports the promotion of Catholicism and is listed among the charities. You'll receive the same products, same prices and the same service. Support your charitable organisation by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk and they will do the rest.

DIARY DATE: next weekend the Sunday Masses celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. Corpus Et Sanguis Christi.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: Check out information here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>



OUR NEW ST JOSEPH THE WORKER STATUE will be ready for us in August. Thank you to all who have contributed so far for our Statue, in honour of the husband of the BVM in celebration of this Year of St Joseph.

TO REGISTER OR NOT TO REGISTER? Please help us to be more efficient and up to date in the Church Office. If you are new to St John Fisher Church, have moved home or just changed your contact details, please let us know. Registration Forms are available to pick up near the Mass sheets, or you can go on-line at: [St John Fisher Online Registration 2020 V2 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)

It's a great thing to be counted as a member of the worshipping community and with your help, we can support you, as we all support each other.

HOLY BAPTISM: Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament. There are three short videos which are great for helping parents to prepare (whilst we are not meeting for preparation in person). Video 1 - The Delivery Room. Video 2 - Soul Bath. Video 3 - Letters to your children, your hopes and dreams for them. Each video is about 5 mins long: the link is here: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/baptism/starting-point-program-view.html>
Happy viewing!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Sally Dick, for Christians around the world.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUNE

William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson,
Neville Grose, John Butterworth,
Ann Llewellyn, Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien,
Albert Sawyer, Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook
Eileen Kelly, Reginald Snell, Bernadette Pepper

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD