



**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 ✖ 13 June	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For our First Holy Communion Children For our Confirmandi For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo
Mon 14 June	feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 15 June	feria	No Mass at SJF Fr Shaun on leave	
Wed 16 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Sue Fielding RIP
Thur 17 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	In thanksgiving for the catechists in our church
Fri 18 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo
Sat 19 June	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	For Jose Manual Rodrigues - Teixeira Capelo RIP
Sun ✖ 20 June	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For Maria & Filippo Bernardinis RIP For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Sheelagh Horne RIP

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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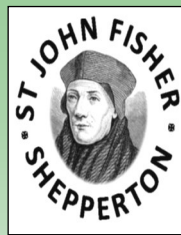
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**Sunday 13th June 2021
11TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 11
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

HOW DOES A TREE GROW? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety, is exactly that, a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of nature and growth - how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of God.



LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS: Listen carefully to the Gospel reading which Father Shaun reads today. He reads things called parables. Jesus uses parables when talking to the people. Parables are stories about things on earth that tell us something about the things of Heaven. Parables help us understand what Jesus wants us to know. The parables we will hear now are about something very tiny - seeds.

Most seeds are small, but the mustard seed is super small; it's about the size of a tiny dot on a sheet of paper. What Jesus is saying is that although seeds are small, they can grow into something big and important.

In the first parable, the seeds planted grew into a healthy crop of grain, but it took many days and nights. In the second parable, the mustard seed grew into a tree. But this, too, took time. When things take a long time to happen, we have to be patient. We have to have faith. God wants us to know, that if we live as Jesus asks us to, we can look forward to happiness with God in the Kingdom of Heaven.

One final thing... have you ever noticed how Father Shaun and the congregation all make the Sign of the Cross three times, when the Gospel is announced? We are saying that we will keep the words of the Gospel in our minds - in how we think, on our lips - in what we say and in our hearts - in how we feel. How brilliant is that! What a wonderful way to remember the Good News of Jesus.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Rory Edward Watterson who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for him and his family in celebration at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children of our First Holy Communion group, who made their First Reconciliation this weekend. Well done to you!

THANK YOU: to Tom Owen who spent time last week tending to the flower bed by the church entrance and the garden in front of the presbytery. You are most welcome to sit in the Garden of the Shepherds whenever you are passing.

ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES: We are hoping that Monday will bring good news about the further lifting of Covid restrictions. This news will be important, as it will affect how we celebrate the Mass for Holy Confirmation on the 22nd June. As soon as we have the details, for any changes in the Church, we will let you know. One small, but exciting change, for when we can sing again: The 10.30am Mass Music Group, when it returns, will be playing and singing from the balcony area, rather than at the front of the church. This is a good opportunity to return this space to its original, intended purpose and to give our musicians and singers space to expand. If you can play a musical instrument and /or can sing and are interested in joining the 10.30am Mass Music Group, please let us know.

GOOD NEWS: HALL FLOOR REFURBISHMENT UPDATE - The sanding and sealing of the hall floor has now been completed and it looks splendid! We are very grateful to Mike Axton for carrying out the work for us, free of charge.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no celebration of the Mass here on Mon or Tues this coming week.

RETURNING TO SJF: If you are feeling anxious about returning to worship again, try coming to Mass on a weekday morning, it's much less busy and this would be a good route back. We are still some way off from a return to our usual pattern of worship and social activities. The Holy Mass, particularly the distribution of Holy Communion, is different. Prayers of Intercession are still suspended, as is congregational singing. We continue to sign-in on arrival, for Track and Trace and use our face coverings. The seating is still limited and spaced but we are getting back into a regular routine. We are also reintroducing, gradually, rotas for various ministries. The Church Hall and toilets remain closed for the time being.

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.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE: you may recall that around the time of the first lockdown, our Building Steering Group had finalized two plans for refurbishing the hall, kitchen and toilets and the creation of new space, including toilets for the church and office. We have not abandoned our plans. Our Diocese has asked all parishes to put on hold building projects for the time being.

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) is on Sunday 18th July at 10.30am.

HOLY HARDWARE: The Repository is open for cards and small gift items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Birthday, Get Well and Mass Cards are also available. Payments are especially welcome by card

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: shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk Fr Shaun.

BE AN ANGEL: We need to maximize 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.

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 Supper*. Keep up the good work – it's brilliant!

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £152
Giving using offertory envelopes £108
Giving by bank standing order (weekly average) £548
Card machine - contactless giving £50
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you to all who have topped up their donations, having returned since the lockdown. Thank you all, for supporting SJF church.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECRUITMENT: St Richard Reynolds College: An exciting opportunity to teach Physics or support Physics. They are looking for a recently retired or a recent Physics graduate who is thinking about the next step and would consider teaching. In addition to this, the College is looking at strengthening their A-level

Economics provision and would welcome any interest in this role. Please email Mrs Simmons at s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk by Friday 18th June and for further information.

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY DEATH: How do hospices care for people living with a life-limiting condition? What can we learn from this care for a loved one at home? What about hospitals? What about good end of life care for people with a learning disability? And for us all? Come & join the discussion. An online event on Thursday 17th June, 7.00pm for the Year of St Joseph, organized by the Agency for Evangelisation, St Joseph's Hospice, and The Art of Dying Well. To register, just visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-have-a-happy-death-tickets-151066374593>

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES: You can now get this newspaper delivered direct to your home every week, post free. Just call 0161 820 5722 or go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com for delivery. Offers & digital copies also available for parishioners.

STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MARRIAGE? Founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/>

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Joe Teixeira for his intentions, including Jose Manual Capelo RIP and Joao Rodrigues Teixeira RIP

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

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Adrian McCarthy, Tom Bermingham, 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