



**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 ✖ 20 June	<b>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am</b>	For Maria & Filippo Bernardinis RIP For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Sheelagh Horne RIP
Mon 21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 22 June	<b>SS. JOHN FISHER, Bp. &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyrs</b>	Mass 9.30am  Mass of Holy Confirmation 7.30pm - by invitation only, due to Covid restrictions. (will also be on-line)	For Pauline Lynch RIP  For our Confirmandi, receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit at their Holy Confirmation
Wed 23 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Theresa Aherne RIP
Thur 24 June	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	Mass 9.30am	For all former Priests who have served this parish church
Fri 25 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Barbara Zahner - for the improvement of her health
Sat 26 June	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	For those men to be ordained today to the sacred priesthood, for ministry in our Diocese
Sun ✖ 27 June	<b>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am</b>	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Matilda, in thanksgiving.

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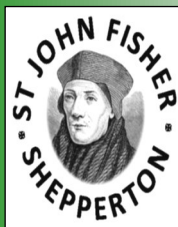
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 Our registered charity number is: 233699**



**Sunday 20th June 2021  
12TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 1  
Ordinary Time  
Week 12  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 4



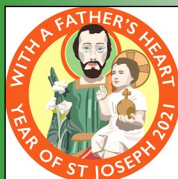
In some ways the most surprising moment in this week's Gospel is the image of Jesus, fast asleep on a cushion in the midst of a sudden and terrifying storm! His calm in the midst of chaos seems almost too dramatic! But this is the point of the story, emphasized by his words to the others in the boat, when he asks "How is it that you have no faith?" Faith is not about the lovely pleasure boat ride on the sunny peaceful lake, but clinging to the gunwales (the planking on the side of a boat), in the terror of a storm. We interpret this as symbolic of the journey of our lives, which can be rent by sudden storms – tragedy, loss, anxiety, illness: we have to hear the voice of Jesus, who is in the boat with us, who shares anxiety and loss with us, so that he can say to us "Quiet now! Be calm!"

### LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:

Can you remember a time when you were worried about something, perhaps about a test at school, or something that happened to a friend, or a news story on TV? Who do you talk to when you feel sad? When we talk to our friends, parents, brothers and sisters, it helps because we know we are not alone.

The friends of Jesus today were worried about the storm, but Jesus wasn't worried, he kept on sleeping— until he calmed the storm! Like the disciples, we can share our worries and concerns with Jesus. Jesus can help us see our worries from a different perspective. He can help us face our worries with faith in his love and protection for us. Think about one thing you are concerned about today and say a prayer to Jesus about it. Remember that he is your friend and will always be with you.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMcyH_QOMndxN91BhA)

**WELCOME HOME:** Over the past weeks it has been good to welcome familiar faces back to SJF for the Holy Mass. Our 10.30am Sunday Mass has reached full capacity now and has, over the past few weeks been standing room only. If you are hoping to return soon, please attend one of the other Sunday Masses, either the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.00pm or the 8.30am - at least until restrictions are lifted and we have more seating available. 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. The usual pattern of worship, particularly the distribution of Holy Communion, is different at the moment.

Although congregational singing is still some way off, we hope to have our Music Group singing from their new home in the balcony/gallery area for the 10.30am Mass soon. If you are a musician or singer and want to get involved, just let us know. We are also reintroducing, gradually, rotas for various ministries. The Church Hall and toilets remain closed for the time being.

**ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES UPDATE:** We were hoping that last Monday would bring good news of a relaxation of Covid restrictions. As you know, the restrictions remain in place. **The celebration of Holy Confirmation** with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, will still take place this coming Tuesday, but as space remains limited, the Mass will be by invitation only, for the families of those receiving Confirmation. The Mass will however, as with all our Masses, be live streamed online. Please keep our young people, who are to receive this wonderful Sacrament, in your prayers at this time. Our Patronal Mass of St John Fisher will also be on Tuesday, in the morning at 9.30am and is open to all.

**FANCY A WALK?** A few parishioners will be joining the Rotary Club to complete a 10k sponsored walk. Our group will be raising money for the Lourdes Fund for the 2022 Pilgrimage. If anyone would like to join us it costs just £6 to enter and we will be meeting at Manor Park at 9.30am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested please contact Katrina: [katrinalavery80@gmail.com](mailto:katrinalavery80@gmail.com) More details about how to sponsor the group will be in next week's newsletter.

**WE CONGRATULATE** the men who were ordained to the transitional diaconate last Saturday, in Westminster Cathedral. Please pray for them in their new ministry and give thanks for their families, for supporting them in the faith. The next twelve months will be a busy time for them as they prepare for ordination to the Priesthood. Ordinations to the Priesthood, for men who will serve in our Diocese of Westminster this year, will be at the Cathedral next Saturday 26th June. Deo Gratias — thanks be to God.

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

### 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.

**AS RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE** we shall need more volunteer door stewards to continue to check parishioners into the church and to clean benches, kneelers, tables and doors, after every Mass. They are essential to keeping us Covid Secure. Can you offer to help for one Mass each week? If you would like to join this merry band, please email Fr Shaun. We are using a stewarding *What's App* group to keep stewards up to date with weekly needs.

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS:** please encourage your children to use their Children's Missal, which they received last week. Your support in this way, as they continue on their Christian journey, will make all the difference on the day they make their First Holy Communion and beyond.

**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.

**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](mailto:shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk) Fr Shaun.

**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 £263  
Giving using offertory envelopes £141  
Giving by bank standing order (weekly average) £475  
Card machine - contactless giving £45  
(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.

**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.

**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/>

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

### THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored anonymously this week.  
For an end to all forms of genocide and ethnic cleansing throughout the world.

### 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**