



**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 ✖ 27 June	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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 Matilda, in thanksgiving
Mon 28 June	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 29 June	SS. PETER & PAUL Apostles	Mass 9.30am	For people dying and being arrested for political reasons
Wed 30 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Valerie Curran RIP
Thur 01 July	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL (1910)	Mass 9.30am	For the people of our Diocese
Fri 02 July	feria	Mass 9.30am	For all souls in purgatory
Sat 03 July	ST THOMAS, Apostle	Mass 10.00am	For healing for all with life threatening illness
Sun ✖ 04 July	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For Matthew Rowntree RIP For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Margarita Day RIP - anniversary

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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**Sunday 27th June 2021
13TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 13
Divine Office
Psalter Week 1



Two miracles occur in the Gospel reading today. The raising of the daughter of Jairus and the healing of the haemorrhaging woman. Amidst all the tragedies of frail human existence, few can be more devastating than the death of a child. Our hearts go out to all parents who face such gut wrenching pain, where life is changed forever. In the Gospel,

Jesus faces doubts, fear, grief and even mocking laughter, but he also has the knowledge that he can change “mourning into dancing” as the Psalm says. Every miracle is a message: and the message of this remarkable miracle is the promise of eternal life: as the Preface prayer puts it “by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal.” We may still have to face death, and the loss of those we love, and this may be more than we feel, we can bear, but we also remember the confidence of Jesus, who proclaims life by this miracle. “At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.” The Christian name for the movement from tears to joy, is death

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS: The Gospel reading today starts very sadly with the death of a little girl: it's difficult to think about that, but such sadness is real for people today, (you will know this yourself, if someone has died in your own family). When someone we love is very sick or has died, it's important to talk about how this makes us feel, because talking about the situation helps us to understand and reminds us that we are not alone when we feel sad.

What we can also think about, is how Jesus reacts. Jesus knows that death is not the end of the story. It wasn't the end of the story for Jesus after Good Friday - remember what happened to him on Easter Sunday?

So this reminds us that it isn't the end for those who are friends with him. Jesus loves us, and wants us to live with him forever. By raising this little girl, Jesus is telling us that even after death, there is life! So we place our trust in him, and we pray for those who have gone ahead of us.



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_QOMdxN91BhA

CONGRATULATIONS: To our teenagers: Amy, Bonnie, Christopher, Elin, Fergus, Holly, Kiernyn, Leticia, Libby, Maeve, Max and Nathalie who received the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation on Tuesday evening. It was a wonderful evening and Bishop Nicholas was very pleased to be here with us all. Thank you to the numerous parishioners involved in various ways. Your kindness to our young people, with your time, commitment and energy was very much appreciated by all, including those who were watching via live streaming from around the world. Thank you! A final word for our young people: Well done! You have now received all of your Initiation Sacraments in the Church. Keep the faith, be proud of your Catholic Christian identity and allow the Lord to be your guide. Certificates of Confirmation will be distributed at the Sunday Masses this weekend.

WEEKDAY MASSES: As our weekday Masses are less busy, compared to the weekend, we shall be reverting back to the regular way of distributing Holy Communion. When parishioners receive Holy Communion, they can then return to their seats for the final prayer and blessing. Parishioners will be able to leave, by either the car park exit, or through the front doors of the church. This will be just for the weekday Masses, until restrictions are lifted.

COMING BACK: 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. The usual pattern of worship, particularly the distribution of Holy Communion, is different at the weekend Masses. Congregational singing is still some way off, but we hope to have music from our Music Group, from their new home in the gallery area, for the 10.30am Mass. 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.

FANCY A WALK? UPDATE The Lourdes Group are taking part in a 10k sponsored walk alongside the Rotary Club. We are hoping to raise some funds for the 2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We would be very grateful if you could spare a few pennies (or pounds) for a very worthwhile cause. Around the church we have placed posters with QR codes to our *Just Giving* page. Using the camera on your smartphone, hover over the QR code, this will take you to our fundraising page where you can sponsor us. Alternatively you can place a donation in an envelope marked "Lourdes Walk" and post it through the presbytery door. Thank you in advance for your generosity. 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 4th July. If you are interested please contact Katrina: katrinalavery80@gmail.com

HOLY BAPTISM: Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. At least one parent should be Catholic and attending Mass as a matter of course, before requesting the 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! We still have a waiting list for Baptisms, which we are working through. Please be patient when making your request for this wonderful and important Sacrament.

WE CONGRATULATE the men who were ordained to the Priesthood this Saturday in our Cathedral,

for service in the parishes of our Diocese of Westminster. Deo Gratias — thanks be to God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS TIME CHANGE:

As lockdown restrictions continue and in order to accommodate more family and friends, the First Holy Communion Mass will now be at 12.noon on Sunday 18th July, instead of 10.30am (The 10.30am Mass will now be as a regular Sunday Mass) The FHC Mass will be specifically for those invited and will also be live streamed on-line. In preparation, parents, please guide your children through the Mass using their Sunday Missal. This will make all the difference for when your children make their First Holy Communion and beyond.

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Youth Ministry Outreach Worker/ Retreat Leader/ PA to Auxiliary Bishop/ Parish Cleaner. For more information go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can find out further details. New vacancies are added to the website as and when they arise, so please check the website for updates.

Additionally: The London Jesuit Centre in central London is looking to appoint a Housekeeper (permanent, 35-hrs/week, £525/week and responsible for leading a team of cleaners/housekeeping staff) Also the post of Receptionist (permanent, 6-hrs/day, 2.00-8.00pm, £390/week). Go to: londonjesuitcentre.org/jobs

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.

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.

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: Thank you, if you are dropping off food supplies into our Food Bank Box (situated in the church entrance area, so you can drop off your donations easily). Currently, your kind donations are going directly to help others via *Surplus to Supper*. Please keep up the good work and help where you can. Many, many thanks.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £163
Giving using offertory envelopes £160
Giving by bank standing order (weekly average) £475
Card machine - contactless giving £75
(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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored for this coming week by Martha.

For Mateus Gurjao and family.

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