



**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 ✖ 06 June	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST</b> <small>(CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)</small>	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
Mon 07 June	feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 08 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For a private intention
Wed 09 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	
Thur 10 June	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Tom & Jane Bermingham RIP
Fri 11 June	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	Mass 9.30am	
Sat 12 June	The Immaculate Heart of the BVM	Mass 10.00am	
Sun ✖ 13 June	<b>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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

**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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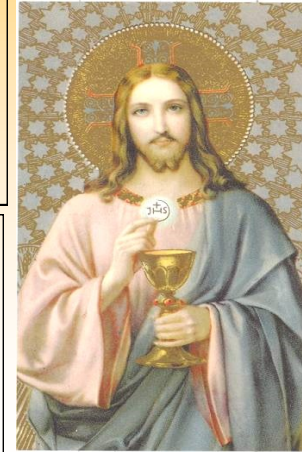
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**Sunday 6th June 2021  
THE MOST HOLY  
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
(CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 1  
Ordinary Time  
Week 10  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 2



In the Eucharist, Jesus gives himself to us, not as an idea or concept, not as a symbol or memory, but as a living reality in the here and now. This faith of the Church, in the "Real Presence" of Jesus, is what we celebrate today. In the first lockdown, when the churches were closed and the Holy Mass was celebrated by the Priest in an empty church, we were challenged to think more broadly about the Real Presence of Jesus.

Around the world there are around 400,000 Catholic Priests continuing to celebrate the Holy Mass every day (even if their churches are closed to the public, due to the pandemic), it's what Priests do – it's their first obligation. It is said that the Holy Mass is always being offered, somewhere in the world at any one moment in time. So just imagine, all those Masses. Imagine them connected up, like a network, where each Holy Mass is a point where the Body and Blood of Jesus is truly present. Wherever we may be, in church, at home, at work or at school, the Real Presence of Jesus is with us.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

**LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:** One of the most important moments in our lives, when growing up as Catholics is our First Holy Communion. The reason our First Holy Communion is so important is because we meet Jesus in a new way: we become his friends at the Last Supper, and hear Jesus say "This is my Body" – this is ME, coming to stay with you!

If you have already made your First Holy Communion, say a thank you prayer today, and perhaps dig out your souvenir photographs or cards as a reminder. If you are still waiting and preparing, in your weekly classes, for your First Holy Communion, keep on going, you are nearly there! Say a prayer asking for patience, because the day will come soon, when Jesus comes to you in a new and special way... and what a special day that will be for us all!



## 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)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Robert (Bob) and Aoife Webb who both received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for them and their family in celebration at this time.

## THE MARRIAGE AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

Cardinal Vincent has written to his clergy this week regarding the Catholic Marriage of the Prime Minister and Carrie Symonds. In writing he stated "... while it came as a total surprise to almost everyone, it had been carefully and fully prepared over a significant period. There has been a wide range of responses to it. I am most aware, and painfully so, of those for whom it has reawakened hurt and resentment about the impact on their own situations of the Church's teaching concerning the validity of marriages. In replying to the many communications that have been received, an outline of this teaching has been included. A synthesis of the reply is now on the Diocesan website at this link" <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/wedding-in-westminster-cathedral/>

**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.

## GOOD NEWS - HALL FLOOR REFURBISHMENT:

This coming week, the hall floor is going to be sanded back and resealed. This is being offered to us free of charge, in exchange for space to test out new products developed by the flooring company. This is a great opportunity for us.

**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.

**THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** resumes in the Hall this coming Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm

**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. First Reconciliation (confession) for FHC children is on Saturday 12th June at 1.00pm.

**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.

**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! 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!

**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.

**ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION TO STOP 'DIY' ABORTION** Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It's really important that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

Please help to protect the most vulnerable in our society, without your help, a baby in the womb has no voice. [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

**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 £178  
Giving using offertory envelopes £200  
Giving by bank standing order (weekly average) £548  
Card machine - contactless giving £35  
(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.

**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/online-registration-2020-v2)

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.

**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.

## THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Sonia Owen,  
for Thomas Patrick Owen

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

## PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Tom Bermingham RIP 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**