



**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 ✖ 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
Mon 05 July	feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 06 July	feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun is on leave	
Wed 07 July	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Cecil Rowntree RIP
Thur 08 July	feria	Mass 9.30am	For the struggling economy in Uganda
Fri 09 July	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Antonio & Joaquim Fernandes in thanksgiving
Sat 10 July	BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	
Sun ✖ 11 July	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For Michael Morris - for a full recovery For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Jackie O' Connor

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of July: Social Friendship: We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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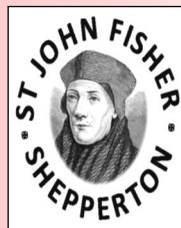
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Sunday 4th July 2021 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 14
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



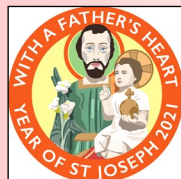
There's a phrase we use: "familiarity breeds contempt." This could well describe the Gospel story we have just heard: the people of Jesus' home town were so familiar with him as "the carpenter" that they were filled with contempt at the thought he could be anything different! Perhaps there are two messages for us in this story: firstly, don't "pigeon-hole" people, locking them into what you have already decided is their "place in life." The people of Jesus' hometown were deprived of his grace, because they could not

see beyond "the carpenter" to the prophet God was sending them. They, who should have welcomed him and his message with open arms, had their eyes and minds and hearts closed to the possibility that he could be a prophet. We should be careful never to "lock" people into the place we think they should occupy, because by doing so we too may miss out on God's graces sent through them. The second message is that we should be careful not to take our faith for granted: familiarity with our prayers or "religious routines" can blunt their effectiveness. In the Gospel, the people are surprised by Jesus: he shakes them out of their routine. We should be open to God's surprises, and not be astonished when God displays his love for us!

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:

Imagine someone in your class, who has never showed any interest in football, suddenly announces that he/she is going to try out for the school team. Everyone laughs. But what no one knows is that this budding footballer has been practising playing football for ages, and is brilliant! Because no one will give the youngster a chance (not even the teachers), they don't get the chance to prove themselves on the team. The school loses the tournament and everyone misses out, because somebody new to the game wasn't given a chance. Does this remind you of the Gospel story today? Jesus wasn't given a chance and as a result, all the people of the town missed out. The message for us is that we shouldn't dismiss others. We don't know about their hidden talents and gifts – sometimes people can surprise us, even at playing football!

**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

CONGRATULATIONS to Honor Emma Hickey who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for Honor and for Alison and Thomas her parents, at this time.

THE LOURDES GROUP are taking part in a 10k sponsored walk alongside the Rotary Club this weekend. They will be raising funds for the 2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please support this good cause and our parishioners in their efforts if you can. Around the church there are posters with QR codes. Using the camera on your smartphone, hover over the QR code, this will take you to the fundraising page, where you can sponsor them. Alternatively, you can place a donation in an envelope marked "Lourdes Walk" and post it through the presbytery door. Thank you.

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH HAS MANY VOLUNTEERS and we are grateful to them, but might you be interested in joining them? If you are interested in any of the following please let us know. We need: Readers, especially for the 10.30am Sunday Mass, counters, cleaners, fund raisers, church laundry helpers, and gardeners. Now that we are on the road to opening up more fully, we shall also need new fire marshals, Mass welcomers, teachers for catechesis, altar servers, singers and musicians, photocopiers, and leaflet folders. If you want to get involved and would like to know more about volunteering opportunities please let us know. We might be able to fit a role around your time and talents. Email, phone or come and chat to us about it ... and more specifically, Margaret Fitzgerald is ready to hand on the reins of the *Missio* Red Box distribution and collection. If you might be interested in helping the parish to support this important work, you can find out further details

here: <https://missio.org.uk> Do please let us know if you are interested. Margaret will be happy to help you get going. Many thanks to Margaret for her sterling support with *Missio* over the past years.

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 a little 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 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.

VERY URGENT: The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce **abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. It is likely that this radical proposal will be voted on by MP's this Monday. Please contact your MP today asking them to vote against this extreme amendment. It only takes 30 seconds. Simply add your postcode and the letter for your MP is generated automatically: www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth Every baby deserves the chance of life.

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.

CALLING NUMBER 117: if you are using weekly offering envelopes numbered 117, please can you contact Traci, our bookkeeper, at sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk Thank you.

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.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can find out details.



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

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.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR HAVE CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for us to know who you are and help you if and when the occasion arises.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £125
Giving using offertory envelopes £180
Giving by bank standing order (weekly average) £475
Card machine - contactless giving £30
(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 Sonia Owen
for Alexandra Laura Owen

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

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY
Mary Ohlson, Joan Blues, Pam Hoghton,
Kitty Bale, Louise Heath (Pepper),
Dermot Rhatigan, Mary Fletcher,
Edward Fletcher, Peggy Rhatigan,
Thomas Schwartz (von Megyesi),
Joseph Reynolds, Bob Keating, Grace Ekkel