



PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

Sun ✘ 05 Dec	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Ollie Burke RIP For departed members of the O'Malley Family RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 06 Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 07 Dec	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Mass 9.30am	For Seamus McGovern RIP
Wed 08 Dec	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM Patron of the Diocese	Mass 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thur 09 Dec	Advent feria	Mass 9.30am	
Fri 10 Dec	Advent feria	Mass 9.30am	
Sat 11 Dec	Advent feria	Mass 10.00am	
Sun ✘ 12 Dec	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Sheila Doherty RIP For Philip Gilheaney RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

Exposition and Benediction: on Fridays 10.00am –10.30am (Eucharistic Adoration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

Prayer request box: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is now situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 05th December 2021

2ND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

The prophet is filled with hope and joy as he assures the Israelites in exile that God will bring them back to the holy city of Jerusalem. They are suffering very much because they are far from their homeland. But their return will be such a joyful event that even the mountains, the valleys, and the forests will do what they can to make the journey easier

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

St Paul makes two things clear. The first is his great love and affection for the Philippians, who have helped him in his ministry. The second is his hope that they will continue to become more and more like Christ. Paul is looking forward to the second coming of Christ. And he wants to make sure that all Christ's followers will be ready to receive him when he comes.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

St Luke wants us to realize that John, a "common man" chosen by God, is much more important than any worldly ruler, because he is the herald who announces the Lord's coming. John urges the people to be baptized as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When they do this, they will make the path clear for Christ to come into their lives. Then all people "shall see the salvation of God."



WELCOME! This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Children's Mass cards and Missals are also available. You can pray the Mass with us on-line if you are house bound or away, just go to You Tube and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMcyH_QOMndxN91BhA

THIS WEEKEND CHRISTMAS SIP, SUP AND SHOP takes place after all weekend Masses across both Saturday, 4th Dec/Sunday 5th Dec and Saturday, 11th/Sunday 12th Dec. Drop into the hall for a catch up and a chat, for tea, coffee, hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies, cakes, biscuits and Christmas nibbles. Whilst you're there, you can browse and buy from our Christmas stock. Thank you to parishioners who have organized this for us to enjoy.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30AM MASS— all are welcome for tea and coffee in the church hall after the 10.30am Mass. For safety around hot fluids, please use the outside entrance.

A GOOD READ There's a new book out in relation to the history of St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton. It's called "Mysteries of Littleton Church" and can be bought through this link: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mysteries-Littleton-Church-Will-Hardy/dp/0954128516> It's also possible to get a copy by contacting the author, Will Hardy, who lives on Wood Rd at hardy132@btinternet.com You might recall that prior to the Reformation, St Mary Magdalene, Littleton was the local Catholic Church.

POPPY APPEAL THANK YOU: Our poppy donation box raised almost £120 for the annual appeal - thank you to all who contributed in support of our service men and women and their families.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. A Certificate of Catholic Practice is exactly what it says: that you are practising the faith and attending Mass

here regularly. Fr Shaun will also need to see a copy of the Baptism certificate before issuing a certificate. If your child was Baptised outside of St John Fisher. Full details on eligibility for Certificates of Catholic Practice can be found on school websites and also at www.rcdow.org.uk

LITTLE CHURCH: We invite children who are in year four at school and below, to attend Little Church at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Children start off in church and then go into the hall, returning later to sit with their parents. Children who are now receiving Holy Communion, should remain in church for Mass.

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP - if you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, for a week during 2022, the diary is now open. To sponsor costs just £5. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
(For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home)
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.

THANK YOU if you have returned your Synod Questionnaire - the basket for returns is at the back of the church. If you know someone who might like to take part, do please give them a questionnaire - it's all completely anonymous and open to Catholics and non Catholics alike. Copies to take away are next to the Newsletters.

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, which is situated at the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support. Please keep up the good work and help where you can.

HAVE YOUR SAY THIS WEEK! Healthwatch Surrey is an independent organization which gathers the views of local people on all health and social care services in the county. You can help to shape, improve, and change your local services in North West Surrey, by sharing your feedback. Healthwatch will be at St John Fisher

church hall on Tuesday 7th December from 9.30am to listen to your recent experiences over a hot cuppa and a biscuit or two. Please tell your friends and do come along. All responses shared will be anonymous and treated in confidence. Thankyou.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please be patient if you are contacting the Parish Office. Nathalie, our Administrator, is away at the moment, unwell. It might take a little longer to respond therefore to your enquires. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2022: We hope to open Registration for this programme next week. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a wonderful step on our children's journey of faith. This is also a serious undertaking. Registration will be open for Baptised children who are in school Year 3 and over, whose families regularly come to Mass here. Those who live outside our boundary (unless they are regular in attendance at SJF), should register in their own Parish Church. Parents please ensure your children know the Our Father and Hail Mary by heart, for the start of the programme in January. This will give our children a great start.

A CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING - FOR WHEN YOU PUT UP YOUR TREE!

Lord God, we praise you for the light of creation – sun, moon and stars; we praise you for the light of Israel – Law, Prophets and Scripture; we praise you for Jesus Christ our Everlasting Light. As we light up our tree, may our hearts be filled with joy, and may all who delight in this tree, be brought to the light of knowledge and the joy of Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £84
Giving using offertory envelopes £177
Giving by bank standing order £500 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £45
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you, for supporting your church.

GREENO FESTIVE BAGS: Money Angels required. Can you help with financial support? Please contact Jon or Caroline on 07760 234563 or email: christmasgreeno@gmail.com Thank you

Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others.



FRIDAY 24TH DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning Mass of Advent 9.30am

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas 6.00pm
Carols and Readings begin at 9.00pm
Christmas Mass of the Nativity 9.30pm

SATURDAY 25TH DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass of the Nativity 8.30am & 10.30am

SUNDAY 26TH DEC - BOXING DAY

Mass of The Holy Family 8.30am & 10.30am

Tues 28th through to Fri 31st Dec
Mass at 9.30am

SATURDAY 1ST JAN - NEW YEAR'S DAY -

Mass of Mary, The Holy Mother of God at 12.00noon (no morning or evening Mass)

SUNDAY 2ND JAN - 2ND SUN AFTER THE NATIVITY Mass at 8.30am & 10.30am

No Masses: Mon 3rd, Tue 4th, Wed 5th Jan

THURSDAY 6TH JAN -

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Mass at 9.30am

No morning Masses: Fri 7th Jan & Sat 8th Jan

SUNDAY 9TH JAN - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat Eve Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00pm
Morning Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

June (Jane) Ryan RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS DECEMBER

Lynn-Marie Szczelkun, Herbert Bishop, James Loftus, Dominic Dyer, Alice Cane, Maurice Dodd, Robert Tams, Terry Ryan, Francis Curley, Lillian Maloney, John Cunningham, Sheila Barrett, Daniel Hodgson, Wilbert West-Watson, Alan South, Marina Schwartz, John Byrne, Sheila Passey, Mary McCarthy, Denis Miranda, Lorna Troop, Reg Day.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Marta, for Senhor Jose in thanksgiving