



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

Sun ☒ 19 Dec	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Ainsley Godfrey RIP For Reg Day RIP (birthday)
Mon 20 Dec	Advent feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 21 Dec	Advent feria	Mass 9.30am	For Alice Cane RIP
Wed 22 Dec	Advent feria	Mass 9.30am	For All Souls in Purgatory
Thur 23 Dec	Advent feria	Mass 9.30am	For Nuala Doyle RIP
Christmas Eve Fri 24 Dec	Advent feria VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY	Mass 9.30am 6.00pm 9.30pm	For Danny Lyons RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Christmas Day Sat 25 Dec	MASS OF THE NATIVITY MASS OF THE NATIVITY	8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
BOXING DAY Sun ☒ 26 Dec	MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	8.30am 10.30am	For Annie & Eileen McGovern RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

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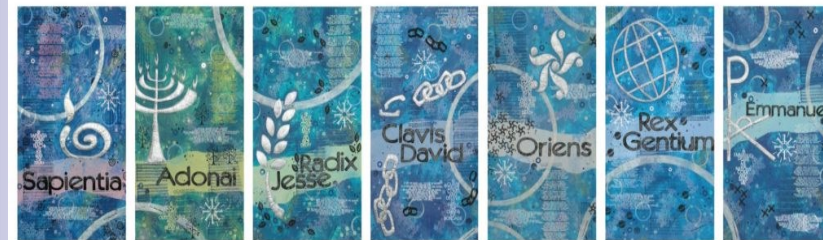


Sunday 19th December 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings
20th -24th Dec
Divine Office
Psalter Week 4

"Listen! You are to conceive and bear a Son"



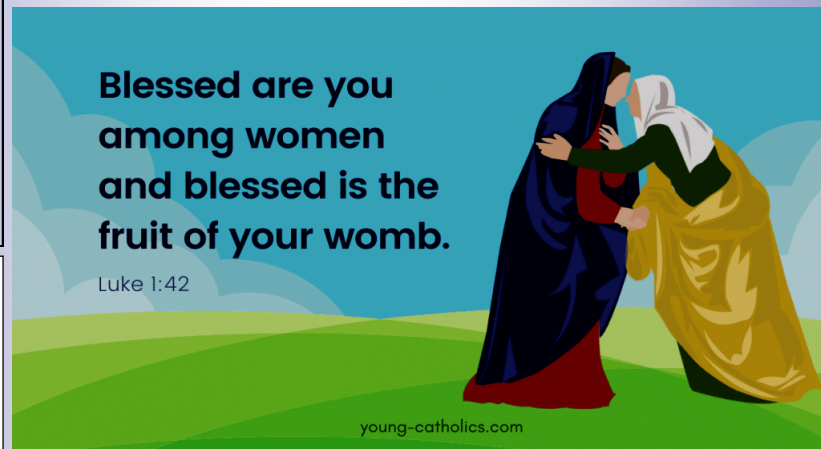
It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the Christmas story itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes at the end of time. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth.

We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise, and is with his people.

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed are you
among women
and blessed is the
fruit of your womb.

Luke 1:42



THANK YOU FOR COVERING UP



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/C3GaZfMCIYH_QOMndxN91BhA

THANK YOU to all who supported the Sip, Sup & Shop, which took place in the church hall over the past two weekends. Special thanks, also, to those who helped and supported this in any way. We raised a very useful of £357 for church funds. Great thanks also to Quality Fruits in Shepperton who kindly donated to us, two splendid Christmas Trees. Thanks also to Jim McKeogh who decorated them for our enjoyment.

GOING ABOVE & BEYOND: For the past seventeen months, our brilliant Door Stewards have done an amazing job, keeping us Covid Secure with *Track & Trace* and sanitising the Church. We are indebted to them for their service to us. We are no longer collecting names at the door, but please do keep on wearing face coverings, which are mandatory and use the hand sanitiser freely available for your use.

KEEP SJF COVID SAFE: If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID, even if asymptomatic (i.e. without symptoms), please refrain from coming to the church, in case you are asymptomatic yourself. Additionally, it may be helpful to know, that the Catholic Bishops have fully endorsed all aspects of the UK Vaccination Programme. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk there is to us all.

APOLOGIES: The Carols and Readings planned for 9.00pm on Christmas Eve has been cancelled for this year. This is to reduce the time parishioners are in the Church during this current pandemic wave. The Christmas Mass Schedule otherwise remains unchanged. Refreshments after the 10.30am Mass are now suspended until

the New Year, when this can reviewed again. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES: These will be available this week. They are an opportunity for you to make a Christmas gift, not to the clergy, but to St John Fisher Church, in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received in this Holy place over the past, challenging year.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2022: Registration forms are now available. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a wonderful step on our children's journey of faith. This is also a serious undertaking. Registration is 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.

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 can be found on school websites & 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.

SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE: Thank you if you have returned your Synodal Questionnaire - we distributed over 100 copies, 6 have been returned so far. It's a busy time of the year, but we value your comments greatly. The cut off date for returns is the end of the year.

THE PANTO GROUP WRITE: We have been plotting, planning, rehearsing and warming up our vocal cords for the past few months, putting together a fantastic performance that we hope

you will all enjoy. We have, however decided that we are going to make you wait a little longer than usual and hold our live performances later on, instead of January. Don't be too down-hearted... It will be worth the wait. More details to follow in the New Year.

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.

ROTAS: Thank you to all who have signed up for various ministries, over Christmas and New Year. Please check your Rota as a reminder. If you are unable to fulfil your ministry, please ensure you have a replacement and let us know asap. If left to the last moment, it can very difficult for those trying to find cover. Many thanks.

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, by the entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support.

PLEASE, IT'S A KINDNESS when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. Over the past two weeks, Newsletters, Mass sheets and spilt food have been left in this Holy Place for others to clear away. This is not helpful in the current climate. Let's look after our church.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £113
Giving using offertory envelopes £181
Giving by bank standing order £589 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £35 (The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you, for supporting your church.



FRIDAY 24TH DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning Mass of [Advent](#) 9.30am

Vigil Mass of Christmas 6.00pm

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week for the Ayers Family intentions

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Fr Dominic Byrne, Gavin Boyle, June (Jane) Ryan

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