



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

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
Mon 27 Dec	ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 28 Dec	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs	Mass 9.30am	For Denis Miranda RIP
Wed 29 Dec	ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr	Mass 9.30am	For Lorna Troop RIP - 1st anniversary
Thur 30 Dec	6th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	Mass 9.30am	For Reg Day RIP -1st anniversary
New Year's Eve Fri 31 Dec	7th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	Mass 9.30am	For the McCaughey Family Intentions
New Year's Day Sat 01 Jan	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	MASS 12.00 NOON (No Vigil Mass)	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ☒ 02 Jan	2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	8.30am 10.30am	For Tony Hill RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

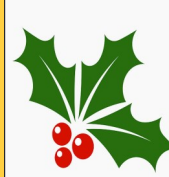
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**Sunday 26th December 2021
THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings
Christmas Octave
Divine Office
Christmas Octave

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**





May the birth of the Saviour bring joy to your hearts and peace to your lives. Merry Christmas to you all !

WELCOME If you are visiting SJF Church over this Christmas Season. 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 to use. It's great to have you with us.

LETTER: There is a Pastoral Letter from our Cardinal Archbishop, Vincent to take away and read. It is available today from the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & CRIB Thank you to our legion of parishioners who have prepared the Christmas Crib and decorated the church. Thanks also to our Sacristans, who will prepare the Altar for all the Masses over the Christmas Season and beyond.

CRIB OFFERING 2021 The Christmas Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society, as is usual, to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our diocese. Thank you for your kindness.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2022: Copies are available for sale in the Repository £4.50 The liturgical calendar is included, together with every Catholic Church, Bishop, Priest & Deacon in the diocese.

THANK YOU for the many Christmas cards and gifts received from parishioners over the past days. In the surreal times we all find ourselves in,

your kindness and generosity have been very humbling. Thank you. As I approach my third anniversary in January as your Parish Priest, I am blessed by such kindness.

GOING AWAY AND WANT TO WATCH ONLINE? 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

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 and boosted, the less risk there is to us all.

REFRESHMENTS after the 10.30am Mass are suspended until the New Year, when this can be reviewed again. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES: These are available from the back of the church. They are your opportunity for you to make a Christmas gift, not to the clergy, but directly 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: The office will be closed from Monday 3rd January until Monday 10th January

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.

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.

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.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £93
Giving using offertory envelopes £160
Giving by bank standing order £589 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £30 (The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you, for supporting your church.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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



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

THANK YOU FOR COVERING UP



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week
for Patricia

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