



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

Sun ✘ 02 Jan	2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	8.30am 10.30am	For Tony Hill RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 03 Jan	Christmas feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 04 Jan	Christmas feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 05 Jan	Christmas feria	No Mass Rosary at 9.30am	
Thur ✘ 06 Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Mass 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 07 Jan	Christmas feria	No Mass at SJF	
Sat 08 Jan	Christmas feria	No morning Mass 6.00pm Vigil	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ✘ 09 Jan	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8.30am 10.30am	For Emelie Chouard RIP For Frances Reynolds who is ill

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 situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

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**Sunday 2nd January 2022
2ND SUNDAY
AFTER THE NATIVITY**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings
3-8th January
Divine Office
3-8th January

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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.

THIS COMING WEEK: Fr Shaun will be on Christmas leave. There are no Masses therefore on Mon 3rd, Tue 4th, Wed 5th Jan.

On Thursday 6th Jan, The Epiphany of the Lord, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am.

There are no morning Masses on Fri 7th Jan & Sat morning, 8th Jan.

The Baptism of the Lord, Mass will be celebrated on: Sat 8th Jan, Vigil Mass at 6.00pm & Sunday 9th Jan, Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE: The office will be closed from Monday 3rd January until Tuesday 11th January.

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.

THIS WEEK we have sent a cheque for £259 to The Passage. This money, donated through our Poor Box was raised over the past year. The Passage helps homeless people to transform their lives. 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

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 this can be reviewed again. Thank you for your understanding.

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have some dates currently available. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

HOLY BAPTISM Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

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.

FINAL CHANCE SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE: Thank you if you have returned your Synodal Questionnaire. It's a busy time of the year, but we value your comments greatly.

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.

HOLY WATER FOR USE AT HOME is available from the Holy Water Dispenser, located close to the font and the statue of St John Fisher.

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 and online. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for us to know who you are and to help you if and when the occasion arises.

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.

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

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

CONGRATULATIONS if you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage either here or elsewhere in the near future. The diocese requires six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. Clergy deal with large amounts of paperwork for couples, so it is

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

important that proper notice is given. Please note that if you are intending to marry abroad, many countries require Catholics to have received all three Initiation Sacraments before agreeing to marry. i.e. Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation. Marriage preparation courses are mandatory for Catholic marriage and courses are run throughout the diocese. See: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/>

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £396
Giving using offertory envelopes £326
Christmas Envelopes £288
Giving by bank standing order £589 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £ -
(The card reader is sited by the church entrance)

Thank you, for supporting your church.

THANK YOU FOR COVERING UP



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is sponsored this week for John Ward with a special intention

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Fr Dominic Byrne, Gavin Boyle,
ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY
Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson, Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane, Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson, Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson, Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi, Margaret Walker, Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel, Tony Hill

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD