



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

Sun ✘ 30 Jan	<b>4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Joao Rodrigues Teixeira RIP For Dennis & Dorothy Hooper RIP For Frances Reynolds RIP
Mon 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest <b>Funeral Mass</b>	No 9.30am Mass 10.00am	<b>For Jarek Jedrzejowski RIP</b>
Tue 01 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Margarita Day RIP
Wed 02 Feb	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, (CANDLEMASS)</b>	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thur 03 Feb	Ss. Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury, Diocesan	Mass at 9.30am	For Deirdre Walsh RIP
Fri 04 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Gavin Boyle RIP (Followed by the burial of his ashes)
Sat 05 Feb	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 10.00am	Our First Holy Communion children
Sun ✘ 06 Feb	<b>5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Tom O'Malley RIP For John, Nora & Joan O'Connell RIP

**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.

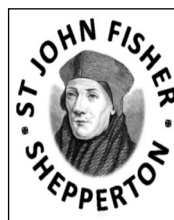
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**Sunday 30th January 2022  
4TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Week 4—Year 2  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 4

**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Last week, when Jesus spoke in the synagogue, his words pleased the crowd - as we hear at the beginning of today's Gospel. How quickly the mood changes! This story shows very clearly that Jesus was not a "crowd pleaser" - he wasn't interested in saying the right things to be popular or accepted. He was interested in the truth - which is the basic definition of a prophet - whatever the personal cost. So today, when Jesus points out that salvation is not just for the Jews, or even just the people of Nazareth, they reject the message and the messenger. Just like Jeremiah, when he was called to be a prophet (first reading), Jesus has to confront the people of his own land, they will fight with him, but not overcome him.

**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 to use. It's great to have you with us.

**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** falls this coming Wednesday. The Feast is also known as 'Candlemas' and commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, forty days after the birth of Jesus and the ritual presentation of Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. Candlemas comes from our solemn blessing of candles which are used in church and in our homes during the year. We hold these candles in our hands to honour Christ, who is the true light of the world. If you have any new candles at home which you would like to be blessed, just bring them with you to Mass on Wednesday at 9.30am. Usually the blessing of candles takes place at the back of the church. This year Fr Shaun will bless candles from the front of the church to enable those watching from home over live streaming to also participate.

**OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN** will be making their First Reconciliation (first confession), this coming Saturday. This is an important stage in their journey of faith. Please keep our children in your prayers at this time.

**JAREK JEDRZEJOWSKI RIP** The Funeral Mass for Jarek will take place here at SJF this coming Monday 31st January at 10.00am. Jarek will then be repatriated to Poland for burial. Many parishioners will know of Jarek, working along side Jerry O'Malley, for SJF Church and around the parish for parishioners.

There is enormous sadness with death, particularly when it comes early for the young. We pray for Jarek and for his surviving brother Tomasz. May the angels now be with Jarek, to guide him to his eternal reward.

**FRANCES REYNOLDS RIP:** The Funeral Mass for Frances will be here at SJF on Wednesday 9th February at 2.15pm. This will be followed by a private cremation. Please continue to keep Frances and her family: children: Anne, Paul, Simon and Stephen in your prayers at this time. Eternal rest grant to Francis O Lord.

**UPDATE ON RESTRICTIONS:** The Government has relaxed most Covid restrictions, including face coverings in most environments. For the time being, we will continue to ask you to wear a face covering in Church. The Covid-19 virus is still in circulation in our area and the main form of transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. We will keep this under review and welcome your thoughts about this. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

**PALM CROSSES** - it's time to recycle! It's that time of the year, when we ask parishioners to return any old palm crosses, so that they can be burnt, to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, which falls on 2nd March this year. Do you have any palm crosses for burning? Look out for the returns basket at the back of the church.

**GOOD WITH COMPUTERS?** We are looking for a keen volunteer to help out, on an ad hoc basis in the Parish Office. You might be retired, semi retired, at home or a teenager on further studies. If you can spare a couple of hours occasionally during the day, have a chat with Fr Shaun.

**IT WORKS!** We have finally managed to reset the card reader, for those who make their church donations by card. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you to all who help SJF church, in your regular giving. We wouldn't be able to pay our bills without your support.

**LITTLE CHURCH:** We invite children who are in year four at school and below, to attend Little Church at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Parents are welcome to join their child in Little Church, until they are confident to attend by themselves.

**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.

**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.

**LOURDES MASS IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:** This annual Mass, for the World Day of the Sick, will take place on Saturday 12th February, 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Anointing of the sick will not take place this year, but all are most welcome to attend.

**CONTACTING THE OFFICE:** Please be patient if contacting the office whilst Nathalie is away.

**GOING AWAY AND WANT TO WATCH ONLINE?** You can pray the Mass with us online if you are house bound or away. Just go to You Tube and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area.

**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.

**SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**  
The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February  
Ash Wednesday - 2nd March  
1st Sunday of Lent - 6th March  
St Patrick - 17th March  
St Joseph - 19th March  
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March  
Palm Sunday - Holy Week commences 10th April  
Maundy Thursday - 14th April  
Good Friday - 15th April  
Holy Saturday - 16th April  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 17th April

**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 £166  
Giving using offertory envelopes £147  
Giving by bank standing order £813 during Dec.  
(including Christmas donations)  
Thank you, for supporting your church.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY:** The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please go to: [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

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

**PLEASE, IT'S A KINDNESS** when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for other parishioners coming to 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. A waste bin is available for any rubbish in the entrance, near to the card reader. Thank you.

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

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. We have availability for the coming weeks ahead.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored this week by Juan,  
for the repose of the soul of Emelie Chouard  
May she rest in peace

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**  
Jarek Jedrzejowski, Tom O'Malley,  
Frances Reynolds  
**ANNIVERSARIES THIS FEBRUARY**  
Canon George Groves, Peter Madyslam, Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael Groarke, Mary Pitfield,  
Fr Ron Aylward, Bernard Bunce, Nora Harris,  
Raymond Restel, Anne Quinn, Terry Sharratt,  
Brenda Jones, Patrick Harris, Barbara Hughes,  
Stephen Marriage, Samuel William Elliott.  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**