



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

Sun ☒ 06 Feb	<b>5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Tom O'Malley RIP For John, Nora & Joan O'Connell RIP
Mon 07 Feb	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 08 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joan Colnbrook RIP
Wed 09 Feb	Feria <b>Funeral Mass</b>	Mass at 9.30am <b>2.15pm</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish <b>For Frances Reynolds RIP</b>
Thur 10 Feb	St. Scholastica, Virgin	Mass at 9.30am	For those who have walked away from God
Fri 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mass at 9.30am	For those who are sick, in our parish
Sat 12 Feb	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the intentions of the Gerou Family
Sun ☒ 13 Feb	<b>6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Racial Justice Sunday)	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	For Stephen Marriage RIP (2nd Anniversary) For Frances Reynolds 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 situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

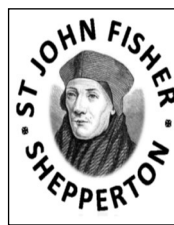
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**Sunday 6th February 2022**  
**5TH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
 Weekday Readings  
Week 5—Year 2  
 Divine Office  
Psalter Week 1



**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus'. There is no application process or job interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description":

if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple



words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

**WELCOME** This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available at the back of the church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun.

**FRANCES REYNOLDS RIP:** The Funeral Mass for Frances will be here at SJF this coming 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 Frances O Lord.

**WELL DONE!** To the children who made their First Reconciliation (first confession), this Saturday. This is an important stage in their journey of faith. They are an example to us all, about the need to seek the forgiveness of God when we sin, and fall short in living out the good news.

**COVERING UP!** For the time being, we will continue to ask you to wear a face covering in church. If you are hesitant to return to weekend Masses, please consider coming to Mass during the weekdays at 9.30am Tuesday—Friday, or Saturday morning at 10.00am. There is plenty of space and the duration of Mass is much shorter.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S MASS CARDS AND MISSALS** are available at the back of the church to help our little ones to pray and to learn the Mass. Parents please encourage your children to use these as you support them on their Christian journey.

**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.

**EARLY** copies (and back copies of this Newsletter can be viewed on the web. Just type *RCDOW/Shepperton* into your web search engine.

**IT'S ALL IN THE NUMBERS:** The Parish has submitted its annual accounts for the financial year Jan-Dec 2021 as follows:

**INCOME**

Offertories Envelopes	7877.99
Offertories SOs & Online	30963.96
Offertories Loose Plate & Contactless	8657.76
Tax Refunds	10042.33
General Donations & Fund Raising	2220.00
Catechesis - RCIA, FHC, Confirmation	250.00
Candles, Repository sales & Papers	2834.70
Parish Centre Revenue	760.00
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends, Fees	8384.60
Parish Activities	1020.00
Legacies	11101.20
Specific Donations	5824.70
Sundry Income	2400.24
Third Party Receipts	754.96
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>93092.44</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Clergy Stipends	9900.00
Non-Clergy Salaries - 2 part time staff	9510.69
Supply Priests during holiday periods	803.00
Housekeeping - clergy house	368.34
Catechesis -RCIA, FHC, Confirmation	576.54
Liturgical Expenses	1969.59
Candles, Repository & Papers	1268.66
Property Repairs and Renewals	6598.54
Heat, Light & Water	4226.53
Council Tax, Insurance & Rates	3311.49
Parish Centre Expenses	476.38
Office & Administration	1822.39
Parish Activities	92.72
Donations/Grants	259.70
Miscellaneous Expenses	282.18
Purchase of Fixed Assets	3888.00
Diocesan Assessment paid to the Diocese	14122.44
Third Party Payments	652.20
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>60129.39</b>

We have been fortunate in receiving a legacy and several large specific donations in addition to the regular offertory amounts. Fr Shaun has been keeping our costs down throughout

another difficult year. Now, the finance committee is considering some large, but necessary, expenditure on property repairs and renewals for both the church and the presbytery in 2022. Thanks again to all of you for your continuing support of our parish! Traci.

**THANK YOU** to all who made donations at the Christmas Crib over Christmastide. We have sent a cheque to the Catholic Children's Society for £136.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- 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 £150  
Giving using offertory envelopes £162  
Giving by bank standing order £813 during Dec. (including Christmas donations)  
Thank you, for supporting your church.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:**

for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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

**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 weeks ahead.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**  
is sponsored this week by Jim McKeogh,  
for Eileen Gregory at The Burlington.

**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**