



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

Sun ✕ 13 Feb	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Sunday)	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Stephen Marriage RIP (2nd Anniversary) For Frances Reynolds RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 14 Feb	SS CYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bishop	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 15 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Wed 16 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Frances Reynolds RIP
Thur 17 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Horace Fernandez who is sick
Fri 18 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the Priests, Deacons & Religious of the Catholic Church
Sat 19 Feb	Feria	No morning Mass	
Sun ✕ 20 Feb	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Eileen Gregory for her 93rd Birthday

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.

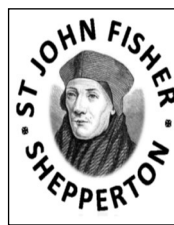
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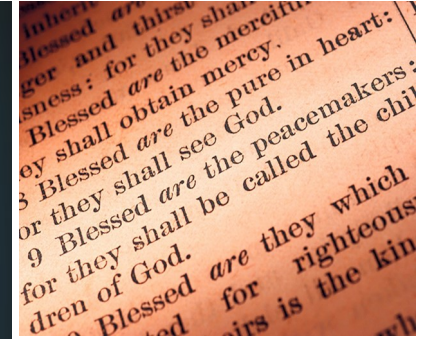
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Sunday 13th February 2022
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Racial Justice Sunday

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Week 6—Year 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C are all about being blessed, which might also be translated as happy or lucky. The

gospel reading is from the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospel of Luke. The Beatitudes given in this gospel include both blessings and woes.

In the first reading we hear that those who trust in God are blessed and will bear fruit. In the second reading Paul reminds us that our hope is in the Risen Christ. In the gospel Jesus turns upside down the notion of what it means to be blessed by giving us the Beatitudes.

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.”



**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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.

THIS WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY. The Catholic Church, spread across the globe, is joyful in its diversity. We are encouraged, as Catholics, to mark Racial Justice Sunday by praying the words of Pope Francis, from his encyclical letter, *Fratelli Tutti* – on *fraternity and social friendship*:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

On the website for the Conference of Bishops for England and Wales, you can find the Lord's Prayer & Hail Mary in many of the world's languages. There are also links to discussions on Racial Justice. [Racial Justice Sunday 2022 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/)

THE FAMILY OF FRANCES REYNOLDS send their heartfelt thanks to parishioners who attended the Funeral Mass for Frances on Wednesday. They also send their appreciation for messages of condolence and for the offering of Masses for their dear mother. They are overwhelmed by the kindness of all who attended, and those who prepared the church and assisted on the day. Thank you to you all. The Rite of Burial of Ashes for Frances, will take place at Loughton Cemetery on Wednesday 23rd February, alongside her father and paternal grandparents.

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 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 the Newsletter can be viewed on the web. Just type *RCDOW/Shepperton* into your web search engine.

RADIO MARIA ENGLAND is a not-for-profit Catholic radio station for England. Radio Maria broadcasts Christian music, prayer and teaching, on digital radio and online.

You can listen to Radio Maria England at <https://radiomariaengland.uk/how-to-listen-to-us/>, on the Radio Maria World Family app for smartphones and tablets and on DAB/DAB+ radio in the London area. Broadcasts can also be heard on podcast providers, Anchor, Spotify, and Apple podcasts.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May at 3.00pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give to Fr Shaun, the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if you don't do email).

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates. 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.

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.

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, especially at the moment.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £171
Giving using offertory envelopes £134
Giving by bank standing order and via the card machine was £651 weekly during January.
Thank you, for supporting your church.

APOLOGIES, there will be no morning Mass this coming Saturday, 19th February. The evening Vigil Mass at 6.00pm will be celebrated as usual.

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.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE SRRCC - VOLUNTEER READERS AND SCRIBES

We know that the presence of a reader and scribe can make a huge difference to a pupil sitting their exams and we are seeking volunteers for this very rewarding role. You will experience first-hand the difference you can make to a pupil simply by being there. There is official guidance on the role of a reader/scribe and full training would be given. We understand that this could be a considerable time commitment as the exams take place over a 3-4 week period. A pupil does not have an exam every day but being a consistent adult is beneficial so we would like the same scribe to be with the same pupil each time.

The GCSE exams will take place:- From the 16th May to the 28th June usually from 9.00am up to 12.00pm and from 1.30pm up to 4.30pm.

If you have a close relationship with a child in Year 10 or 11 (e.g. grandchild) for confidentiality reasons it would not be appropriate for you to be a volunteer scribe at this point in time. If this is a role you would like to undertake please contact k.trimble@srrcc.org.uk or phone 020 8325 4630 Thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Mrs Ayres,
for the repose of the soul of Mr Albert Griggs.
May he 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