



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

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
Mon 21 Feb	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 22 Feb	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE	Mass at 9.30am	For all souls in purgatory
Wed 23 Feb	St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Frances Reynolds RIP
Thur 24 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For healing, for all who are receiving hospital treatment at this time
Fri 25 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of Lucia Jones
Sat 26 Feb	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the young people of our church and parish
Sun ☒ 27 Feb	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Cidalia Alexandre RIP (First anniversary) Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Joy McQuade, Birthday intentions

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.

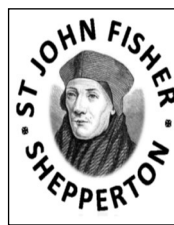
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**Sunday 20th February 2022
7TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Week 7—Year 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3



There is a lot of conflict in our world. Sometimes when we think of enemies we think of another country waging war with us or people who might try to attack us, such as terrorists. But the concept of enemies goes so much further than that. We hear about culture wars these days. People on opposite sides of an issue, want to win so badly, that they attack those who don't agree with them. They don't attack with weapons, but they attack with words and by using facts selectively. But enemies can also be even closer, it can be someone who gossips about us. An enemy can be a former friend who has betrayed us. And these enemies are often the ones who cause us the most pain because they are so close.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to love our enemies. This includes enemies who are far, far away, and enemies who we know by name. The command to "love your enemies" seems almost impossible. Our hearts can become hard, because we don't want to be hurt again. Our hearts can become vengeful, because we want people to feel the same pain they caused us. How can we love? The key seems to be in the last part of the Gospel reading: "Stop judging and you will not be judged."

Jesus calls us to a change of heart, which is not easy. Jesus reminds us that we are also in need of mercy and forgiveness. Our hardened hearts need to become open and loving hearts, forgiving hearts. A change of heart takes some work. It is very difficult to love our enemies. It doesn't just happen. A starting point is to pray for those who hurt us and ask God for the grace to forgive.

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Be merciful,
just as your Father
is merciful.*

Luke 6:36



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.

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.

LAST CALL FOR PALM CROSSES - to be returned for burning to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. Do you have any palm crosses for burning?



ASH WEDNESDAY IS 2ND MARCH and marks the beginning of Lent. It's a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses with the imposition of ashes are at 9.30am & 7.00pm

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 11th March. Have a simple meal this Lent and give what you save to help end malnutrition. Donation envelopes will be available soon.

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.

THE PASSAGE a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity if you possibly can. Tickets at passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert or telephone 020 75921856

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

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.

HOLY WATER STOOPS: Our Diocese have now advised that the Holy Water Stoops by the entrance to the church may now be refilled. The risk of transmission of Covid through use is considered very low. These are now available to use and will be replenished weekly for those who wish to use them.

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

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.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: After an absence of a year, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place this year. Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Fr John Farrell OP, from 21st to 29th November. Walking in the footsteps of Christ and offering hope to Christian communities in the Holy Land, pilgrims will return ready for mission. The price is £1,825 per person, based on two people sharing a room (single room supplement £529 per person). Travelling BA from Heathrow, the pilgrimage includes full board, scheduled expenses, tips and gratuities. Travel insurance is essential and is not included in the price. For booking forms and further information, please contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 886666.

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:

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 £103
Giving using offertory envelopes £115
Giving by bank standing order and via the card machine was £651 weekly during January.
The card machine for contactless giving is located in the church entrance area. Thank you all.

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 Juan,
for the repose of the soul of Frances Reynolds
and for Isabella and her examinations.

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