



CHRISTMASTIDE AT SJF

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| Sun ☒ 24 Dec MORNING | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass | For Noel Brown RIP (85th Birthday) For Francis Paul Joseph For the people of this parish |
| Sun ☒ 24 Dec Evening | CHRISTMAS EVE  | FAMILY VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS 6.00PM CAROLS & READINGS FROM 9.30PM CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT 10.00PM | Pro Populo - for the people of this parish Pro Populo - for the people of this parish |
| Mon ☒ 25th Dec | CHRISTMAS DAY  | MASS OF THE NATIVITY 8.30AM (said) MASS OF THE NATIVITY 10.30AM (with carols) | Pro Populo - for the people of this parish Pro Populo - for the people of this parish |
| Tue 26 Dec | ST STEPHEN The First Martyr | No Mass at SJF | |
| Wed 27 Dec | ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist | No Mass at SJF | |
| Thurs 28 Dec | THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs | Mass at 9.30am | For Mike Kingsbury RIP |
| Fri 29 Dec | ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP & MARTYR | Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass | For Alice Cane RIP |
| Sat 30 Dec | SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | Mass at 10.00am 12.00noon Holy Baptism | For Lorna Troop RIP |
| Sun ☒ 31 Dec | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass | For our families For the people of this parish For John Corbett RIP |

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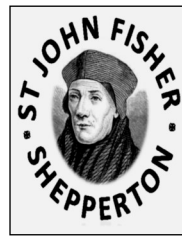
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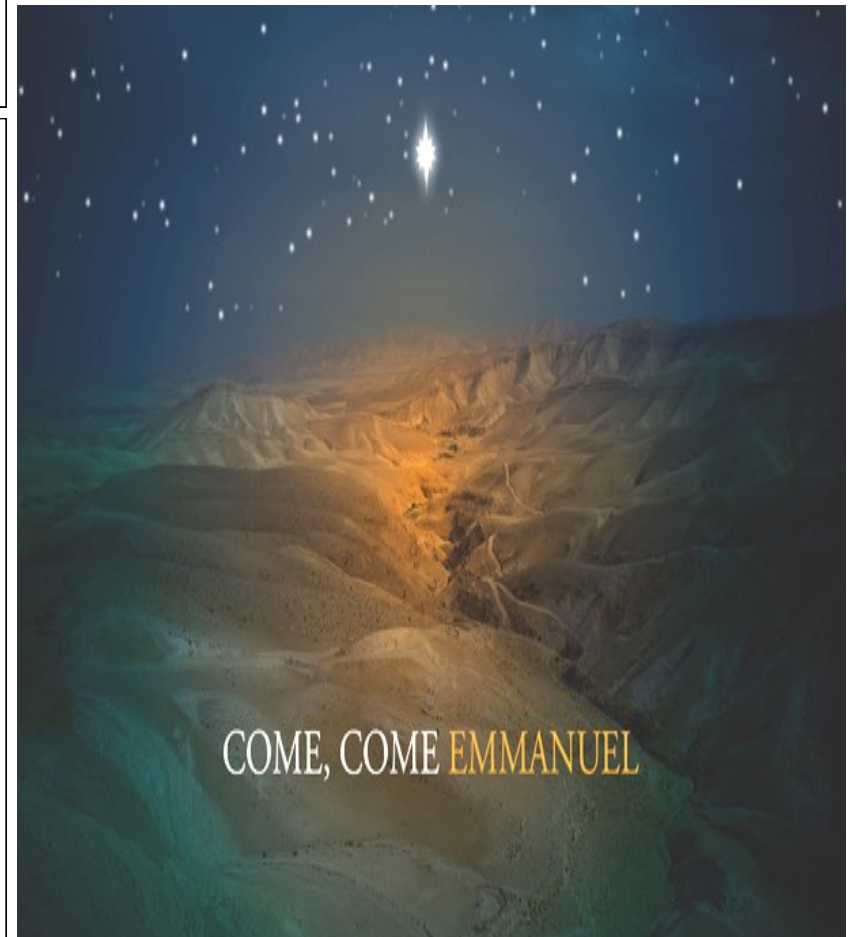
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Weekday Readings
after the Octave
of Christmas

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Sunday 24th December 2023
**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT &
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
- Weekly Newsletter -



May the birth of the Saviour bring joy to
your hearts and peace to your lives

WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton, and to the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, or if you happen to be visiting, or you are a returning Catholic after some time away, you are very welcome. It's good to have you with us. All Masses here are live streamed, offering a valuable link with SJF, especially for those who are incapacitated through ill health - enabling them to be closer to us.

GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR? May God speed you on your journey. Return back safely and refreshed.

GREAT NEWS ... The National Lottery Community Fund has awarded, our Church Hall Refurbishment Project £19,465. This is brilliant news and will go a long way towards helping us to provide better facilities for community groups and church users. The architect's drawing will be



available in the new year to look at. This project is the first of three phases for enhancing our buildings. The Diocese will, on our behalf, go out to tender at the beginning of January. We hope to begin in the Spring. We shall need to raise additional funds, to support the project, so your ideas, inspiration and organisational skills will be much appreciated. Please let us know your ideas in the office.

IMPORTANT ROTAS! Over Christmastide if you are signed up for the ministry of reading or are an extraordinary minister of the eucharist thank you! If however you are unable to make your commitment, please do swap with another on the rota and let us know, so that we don't have gaps.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME BEGINS ON TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY. This is the last call for registration. Registration is open for Baptised children in school year 3, whose families attend here. In preparation for the First Holy Communion programme, children should know by heart, The Lord's Prayer and be able to make the sign of the cross. We look forward to receiving completed registration forms in the office ASAP. We are looking for two people to shadow Jean and Pir, so that they get to know the course,

before taking over the following year. Teaching experience is not essential, just a keenness to learn and a desire to pass on the Catholic faith to our youngsters. If you are a parent of a child who has made their FHC here, you will know how important our catechists are and how important our FHC programme is to our families. Could you consider becoming a catechist/teacher yourself? If you would like to know more - please have a chat with Jean or Pir and Fr Shaun. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES: are available at the back of church. They are an opportunity for you to make a Christmas gift, not to Fr Shaun, but to St John Fisher Church, in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received in this Holy place over the past year. If you are a tax payer and would like us to Gift Aid your kind offering, please use a blue Gift-Aid envelope, adding your details and write 'Christmas Gift' on the envelope. The government will add 25p for every pound you donate, at no extra cost to you. Thank you.

THANK YOU... to the dedicated army of angels who have prepared the church for us all to enjoy this Christmas. Thank you to our sacristans, cleaners, laundry ladies, flower arrangers, church decorators, tree arrangers, festoon light hangers. Thank you also to our musicians and singers and Altar servers. Even in the busyness of your own home preparations, you have made time for the Lord and his Church. You are all wonderful!

LITTLE CHURCH at the 10.30am Mass, is now on a Christmas break and will resume on Sunday 7th January, The Epiphany of the Lord.

FRANCIS PAUL JOSEPH would like to thank everyone who has been praying for him whilst he has been receiving treatment for leukaemia. Francis will need to continue with treatment for two more years. Please do keep Francis, his mum, Tesmi, Dad, Paul and his little sister Elsbeth in your prayers. Thank you

WARM HUB: We hope to run a Warm Hub drop-in, in the hall again on Thursdays from 10.00am until 11.30am with additional time to set up and clear away. With your help we can be providing a warm space for any local people who may be struggling to keep their homes heated all the time. Can you help? Please let us know in the office. Thank you.

THE SCAFFOLDING IS STILL HERE... on both sides of the church. The repair work has begun, but progress is slow because many more of the tiles are broken and are no longer manufactured. The roofer had a real effort on his hands to source reclaimed tiles, but he is on to it! Just a reminder, please do not park your car within the coned off area - this is to ensure you are kept safe. We hope the repairs will cure the problem of the rain penetration into the church. The Masses and the good works of the Church carry on as usual.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: Burns Supper Night, Lourdes fundraiser - Saturday 24th February... more information soon.

HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding godparents are available from the church porch table.

FOOD BANK BOX: Your kind donations, can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, They go directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank. Please keep up the good work. Many thanks.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £279.55 Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £966.83 per week - weekly average for November. Our weekend loose offertory collection continues for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. Whatever way you support our work here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without your support.

THE WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK for 2024 is now available in the Repository, priced £5.00

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP burns by the Tabernacle. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for an intention it's just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the office.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB: Offerings made at the Christmas Crib this year will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society, who help families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 24TH DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00pm on Sat night
Morning Masses of Advent at 8.30am & 10.30am

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS AT 6.00PM

Carols and Readings begin at 9.30pm
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT AT 10.00PM

MONDAY 25TH DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD AT 8.30AM
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Tues 26th Dec & Wed 27th Dec- No Masses
Thurs 28th Dec Mass at 9.30am - The Holy Innocents
Fri 29th Dec Mass at 9.30am - St Thomas Becket
Sat 30th Dec Mass at 10.00am - 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

SATURDAY 30TH DEC

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00pm

SUNDAY 31ST DEC - NEW YEAR'S EVE

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
Morning Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am

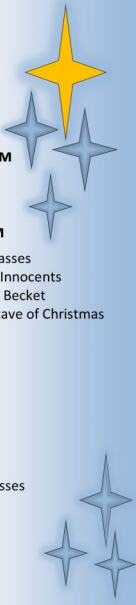
Mon 1st Jan to Sat 6th Jan - No morning Masses

SATURDAY 6TH JAN

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00pm

SUNDAY 7TH JAN

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Morning Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am



SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE BABY BORN IN A MANGER

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week by Jill Fortune for her parents, Rita & Reg Day RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS DECEMBER

Lynn-Marie Szczelkun, Herbert Bishop, James Loftus, Dominic Dyer, Alice Cane, Maurice Dodd, Robert Tams, Terry Ryan, Francis Curley, Lillian Maloney, John Cunningham, Sheila Barrett, Daniel Hodgson, Wilbert West-Watson, Alan South, Marina Schwartz, John Byrne, Sheila Passey, Mary McCarthy, Denis Miranda, Lorna Troop, Reg Day, Fr Dominic Byrne, Gavin Boyle, Patrick Cronin, Maureen Greta Pearce.

Margaret Bigwood.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD