



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

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
Mon 28 Feb	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 01 Mar	ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales (Shrove Tuesday)	Mass at 9.30am	For Neville Taylor RIP
Wed 02 Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	Mass at 9.30am Mass at 7.00pm	Pope Francis has asked that we pray for world peace on this day
Thur 03 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Baba Robigo RIP
Fri 04 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the People of Ukraine
Sat 05 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Christine Pepper - her intentions
Sun ☒ 06 Mar	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	The Taylor Family - intentions Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Mr Albert Griggs

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 27th February 2022 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Lent from Wed.
Divine Office
Psalter Week 4



ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

The readings for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C tell us that our words and actions should reflect that we are Christians. The first reading tells us to be careful in our speech. The psalm reminds us to be just and kind. In the second reading, Paul tells us that Jesus Christ has given us victory over sin. In the gospel Jesus tells us to take care of our own sins before pointing out the failings of others, and that our words and actions reflect what is truly in our hearts.

What we say, reflects what we really believe deep down. And what we believe deep down, can impact our relationships with others. We can be blinded by our own pride, thinking we are better than those around us. We can become hypocrites, unaware of our own weaknesses. This is a barrier to our own path to holiness and prevents us from leading others to Christ.

Some things to ponder...

- Am I aware of my own blind spots?
- What am I afraid to see in my own life?
- Do my words build up the Kingdom of God or do they tear it down?

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.

ALL CHANGE? The Government has now removed legal restrictions regarding Covid 19. We have come a long way over the past two years. The emphasis now, is on the personal responsibility of the individual — protecting the common good of us all.

ASH WEDNESDAY



ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS COMING WEEK, 2nd March and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses with the imposition of ashes for all who wish, are at 9.30am & 7.00pm. We receive the ashes on our heads with a sense of sorrow for our shortcomings, but also with a sense of hope, that with God's grace, we can repent. We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Mass.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE INFORMATION: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, in addition to the usual Fridays, when we abstain from meat. For us members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from the age of 18 until the age of 60 (unless you have a medical condition). When fasting, a person may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquid, for example water, may be taken at any time. Abstinence from meat on these days is binding on those over 14 years old.

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

CHILDREN'S LENT CALENDARS: Children, don't forget to collect a Lent Calendar from the back of the church. They are next to your 'LOOK' sheets.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FINLEY JAMES SMYTH who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday. We pray for Finley as we welcome him with joy, into the Church. We pray also for his parents and family at this special time.

ROOF INSURANCE: Following the storm damage to the hall and church roofs, we have submitted an insurance claim to Catholic National Mutual. Keiron has swiftly arranged for quotations from roofing companies and emergency repairs to the hall roof have been carried out. This was needed because of water penetration/staining on the inside of the hall roof ceiling. As with all insurance policies, we will have to pay £300 excess, but are hopeful for settlement of the remaining costs. We will keep you updated.

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.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? We are looking for more parishioners to join our Counting Teams. They count the weekly collection on a Wednesday morning for about 30/40 minutes, ready for banking in Weybridge. Can you help with either, just once a month? Please speak with Daphne or Fr Shaun. Many thanks

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: These will commence in church on Friday 11th March at 7.00pm, and then, each Friday of Lent. Last year we were unable to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus, due to Covid restrictions. We look forward to welcoming you to this quiet meditative encounter with the Lord.

SERVING THE LORD: Last Sunday, Altar Servers re-joined the Sanctuary for the 8.30am Mass, after some training to bring them up to speed with the changes. It was wonderful to see. We hope to resume Altar Serving for children and young people who have made their First Holy Communion, at the other Masses ASAP. If you are interested in Altar Serving, please let Fr Shaun know, so that we can arrange a time for rehearsal.

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

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.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD

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.

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.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Ash Wednesday - 2nd March — this coming week!
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

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £96
Giving using offertory envelopes £170
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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week by Marian Miranda,
for her family's intentions

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MARCH
Denis Ryan, E.J. Cane, Kathleen Sweet, Rose Ryan, Fr Charles Connor, John Ohlson, Victoria Roberts, Patricia Macklin, Mary O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, Lynn Guevara, Maureen Mitchell, Eileen Tams, Helen Bool, Brian Duffy, Matthew Sawyer, Jane Bermingham, C.V. Pepper, Mary Cotter.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD