

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 28 Aug ☒	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Mary Guiney RIP
Mon 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist	No Mass at SJF (Fr Shaun's Rest Day)	
Tue 30 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Wed 31 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thur 01 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 02 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sat 03 Sept	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor	Mass at 10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun 04 Sept ☒	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Eamon Gibney RIP

☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

**Exposition and Benediction:** Fridays, after the 9.30am Mass, resumes from this week.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

**Prayer Request Box:** at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

**A Mass for your intentions:** To request an intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

**Sponsoring the Blessed Sacrament Lamp** for your intentions is just £5 for a whole week.

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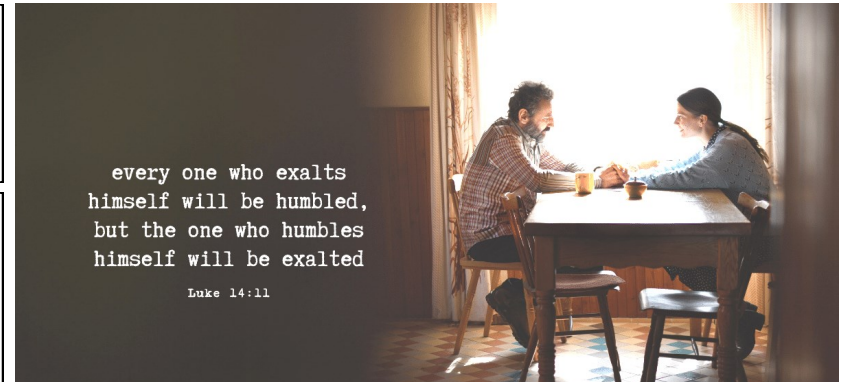
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Sunday 28th August 2022

22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 2  
Ordinary Time  
Week 22



**First Reading: Sirach 3:19-21, 30-31**

This reading is from a collection of teachings on how to live in a manner approved by God. The first two verses advise us to be humble, even when others praise us to the skies. Humble people do not deny their gifts and talents. Humble people recognize that their gifts and talents come from God and use them for His glory.

**Second Reading: Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

Today's second reading describes a dramatic contrast between the old and new covenants. When God made the covenant with the Israelites on Mount Sinai, it was a majestic and even terrifying event. But our covenant with God in Jesus is characterized by its intimacy. The risen Christ draws all believers up to Mount Zion, a symbol of God's kingdom, or reign. There, all the angels and saints are gathered in a joyful celebration of love and friendship.

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

In today's gospel, Jesus prepares us with some good advice about ways to be a guest and ways to be a host. As God's guests in this world, we should act humbly and remember that we are always in the presence of someone greater than we are. As hosts of God's people, we should offer hospitality to those who cannot reward us. In the custom of His time and place, Jesus exaggerates to make a point. We do not have to leave out our friends and families. But neither should we leave out the poor and those with disability.

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton.** This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! All Masses at SJF are live streamed. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through ill health.

**FR SHAUN RETURNS TO OUR PARISH** from this Tuesday, 30th August. The timetable for Masses therefore returns to normal from this week; please see back page. Exposition and Benediction on Fridays, after the 9.30am Mass, will resume from this Friday, 2nd September. The Holy Rosary continues to be prayed after Mass on Wednesdays. This weekend, we welcome Fr Stephen Beale and Fr Richard De Lord to celebrate Mass for us, at the usual times.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** If you are about to go away on holiday, have a safe journey, God speed and come back refreshed. If you want to keep up to date with St John Fisher news whilst away, you can read the Newsletter online at this address: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton> You can also pray the Mass with us on-line, just go to **You Tube** and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton'.

**REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS:** Thank you to all who have joined the rota to get things under way. Please use the outside church hall entrance rather than short cutting via the Sacristy, which hinders our clearing away after Mass.

**THE HOLY ROSARY GROUP** meets every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

**A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** is exactly what it says — it confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that a family are regular attendees at Mass, as practising Catholics. Certificates can be requested by Catholic families whose children are Baptised. This is an important document. Please do not embarrass the parish priest by requesting a certificate if you are not attending Mass here regularly. If you happen to have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. Applications for children who are not Catholic or non practising, can still be made for Catholic schools

without a certificate, under different admission criteria. Full details on eligibility for certificates can be found on school websites and at:

[Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(\[rcdow.org.uk\]\(http://rcdow.org.uk\)\)](#)

**TOILETS** are available in the church hall. Please access them via the outside route, using the hall front door. Thank you.

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £248.05  
Giving via the bank: £666.33 (weekly average July)  
Our weekend loose offertory collection has now resumed 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, thanks, we couldn't do it without you.

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

(For those not receiving Holy Communion)  
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.

**YOU ARE REALLY HELPING:** Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our FOOD BANK BOX, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support.

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, OPEN EVENTS**

**Admission to Year 7 in 2023** Open Mornings:  
No appointment necessary - tours approx. 1 hour.  
Thursday 22nd & 29th Sept from 8.45 - 10.15am.  
Thursday 6th Oct from 8.45 - 10.15am.  
Open Evening: Thursday 22nd Sept from 5.00 - 7.30pm. Head teacher Evening Address at 5.45 and 6.30pm.  
**Sixth Form Open Evening** Admission to Year 12 in 2023. Wednesday 28th Sept from 6.00 - 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP  
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**  
has been sponsored this week  
by Mandy in thanksgiving

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Noel Brown RIP, David Boyce RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS AUGUST**

Max Maksymiuw, Annie Reilly,  
Patricia Collins, James Patrick Dyer,  
Joan Delahunty, Alf Pitfield  
James Sangster, Betty Mitchell, John Pegley,  
Michael Hayes, Fedor Jan Putter  
Florence Kershaw, Liokadia Hughes,  
Frances Rosa Grant, Patricia Leale,  
Lt Col Kevin Ryan MBE  
William Roberts, Audrey Willson Joan Heffernan,  
Anne Harris, Jake Harvey Latter, Fr Tom Quinn,  
Anna Gammond.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns close to the Tabernacle, it costs just £5 for the whole week. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention.

**VOLUNTEER AWARDS:**

Celebrating and thanking the volunteers who give so much to our parishes and wider community is at the heart of the Diocese of Westminster's 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards. Anyone can nominate individual volunteers or groups of volunteers for one or more awards. The nomination form and more details can be found at

<https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteering-awards-2022.php>

The deadline for nominations is 8th September.

**READERS:** We are looking for more readers to join the rota for the Sunday Masses. If you are interested in this important ministry, please speak to Daphne or Fr Shaun.



**Timetable**  
St John Fisher Catholic Church  
15 Wood Road, Shepperton TW17 0DH

<b>TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 22</b>	
9.00pm	Holy Rosary Confessions
10.00pm	
10.30pm	<b>ARRIVAL OF THE RELICS</b> Liturgy of Welcome
11.00pm	Veneration of the Relics
12.00 midnight	Midnight Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>	
1.00am	Veneration of the Relics
<b>Church Closed 2.00am - 6.00am</b>	
6.00am	Holy Rosary Veneration of the Relics
7.00am	Veneration of the Relics
8.00am	Holy Rosary Confessions Veneration of the Relics
9.00am	Veneration of the Relics
9.30am	<b>Holy Mass</b> Liturgy of Farewell

Register free to see the Relics here:  
[stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/)

**RELIC REGISTRATION UPDATE:** If you are hoping to see the Relics here and, especially if you hope to attend either of the Masses, please book your slot. Registration is available for 15 minute slots and for Masses at 12 midnight or 9.30am. If you do not have access to the internet, you might ask a relative or friend to book for you. Booking is entirely free. A Relic information sheet is available at the back of the church to take away with you. There is also information about the tour on Youtube: St. Bernadette UK Relic tour-trailer.

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