

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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 For the Missionaries of Africa—White Fathers For Eamon Gibney RIP
Mon 05 Sept	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 06 Sept	MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES	No Mass at 9.30am MIDNIGHT MASS 12.00	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Wed 07 Sept	MASS OF ST BERNADETTE	MASS AT 9.30AM	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thur 08 Sept	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving for the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette & all who helped
Fri 09 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sat 10 Sept	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun 11 Sept ☒	24TH 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 Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

Exposition and Benediction is on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.

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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Sunday 4th September 2022

23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 3
Ordinary Time
Week 23



The Holy Bible readings for this Sunday are difficult to hear. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really hate our family to be the Lord's disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given?

Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples who are prepared to say YES rather than yes, but... Jesus is calling believers who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, who can fully know the intentions of God?

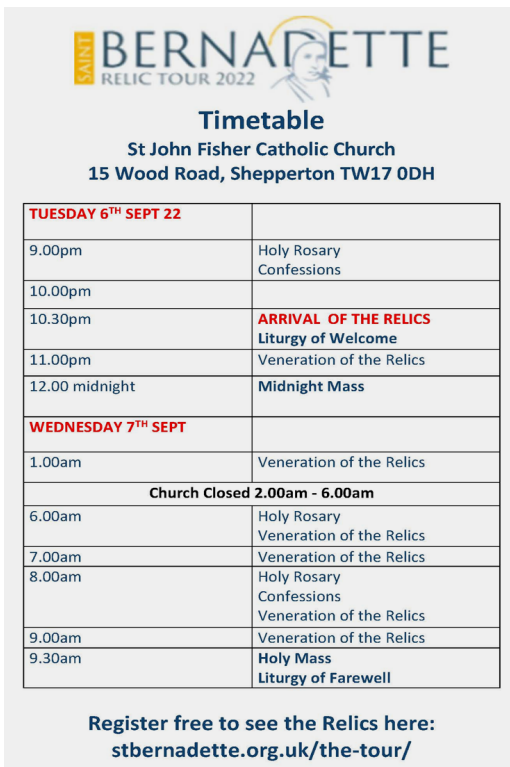
ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



HERE THIS COMING WEEK

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.

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN



BERNADETTE
RELIC TOUR 2022

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

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

Register free to see the Relics here:
stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/

ON THIS FINAL WEEKEND, before the arrival of the Relics on Tuesday, our preparations gather pace. If you have volunteered to assist, either with the stewarding in church or car marshaling and have signed up for a particular time, please arrive in good time to collect your name badges and tabard. You will be guided in your particular role by either Paul Robigo, coordinator for car marshaling or by Bob Moffat, who is coordinator for church stewards. We shan't know about final positioning of helpers and tasks until everything is in place on Tuesday.

Please note that car parking will be extremely limited — and essentially, just on the street. The side of the church, normally used for parking will be for 'drop off only'. Please do observe the signs and be kind to our parishioner marshals and stewards who will be guiding you, and who are giving their time freely to help ensure that the visit of the Relics runs smoothly.

You may well spot a camera crew filming and taking photographs for use on social media and in the wider press, they are part of the tour promotion team.

You will appreciate that the coming days ahead are very busy and a little stress filled. To provide the best experience possible for those attending, please do not contact the office except in the case of an emergency. General enquires can wait until after the visit. The timetable for the visit is published here and is also available on our parish website.

The UK tour of the Relics is supported only by donations and collections at the Masses. We are living in difficult times, but if you are able to be generous in your support, this will help us to recoup our costs and to support the overall expenses of the tour. Thank you for your kindness.

We are blessed to have been chosen to host the Relics of St Bernadette in our small church. This is a great honour. Please continue to pray for our final preparations. When you visit the Relics of St Bernadette, take the opportunity to give thanks and to pray for healing in mind, body and spirit. Pray also for your family and friends and for all who will visit SJF. We pray that this will be a time of grace filled joy for us all.

May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

May St Bernadette pray for us.

LIVE STREAMING BLUES: You may have been aware that we have had problems with live streaming and in particular no picture! This has now been resolved and was the result of a power cut to the local area back in August. The camera has now been reset and on line viewing, for those unable to attend Mass in person, is back on line. May apologies for the frustration of it all.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored anonymously this week in thanksgiving for the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to our church

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER

Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw,
Clive Ross, Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross,
Michael O' Reilly, Sheila Thompson,
Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney,
Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS: Please use the outside church hall entrance rather than short cutting via the Sacristy, which would hinder our clearing away after Mass.

THE HOLY ROSARY GROUP meets every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass. All 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 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://Admissions%20Guidance%20-%20Diocese%20of%20Westminster%20Education%20Service%20(rcdow.org.uk))

HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT

We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend SJF regularly and have made their spiritual home here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament,

with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £222.10

Giving via the bank: £666 (weekly average/July)

Our weekend loose offertory collection has 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.

GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD: during the past months, people have been struggling to make ends meet. If you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, this would be a good deed done. Currently, your kind donations are going directly to help others locally Please keep up the good work and help if and when you can. Many, many thanks.

NEW MASS INTENTIONS: We have some space currently available. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact the office or Fr Shaun

SEPTEMBER is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) of Mary, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls in September. The Sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken from the Cross, and the burial of Christ.

A prayer for September:

I beseech you, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose most holy soul was pierced, in the hour of your Passion, by the sword of sorrow, may intercede for us with your mercy, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.