

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 11 Sept ✘	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For John Carlton & Margaret Carlton RIP Populo - for the people of the Parish For Michael O'Reilly RIP
Mon 12 Sept	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For a private Intention
Wed 14 Sept	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thur 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	Mass at 9.30am Requiem at 7.00pm	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For H.M Queen Elizabeth II - RIP
Fri 16 Sept	St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am	For Joe Levins RIP
Sat 17 Sept	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Apologies there is no Mass this morning	
Sun 18 Sept ✘	25TH 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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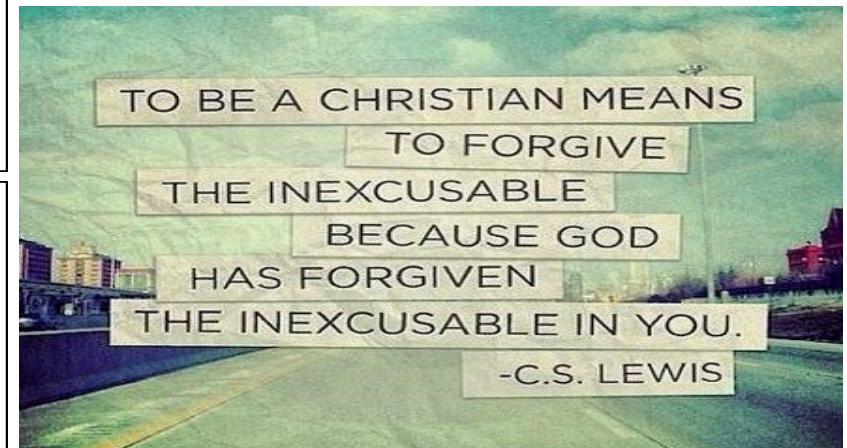
Sunday cycle  
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Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 2  
Ordinary Time  
Week 24

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 11th September 2022

24th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasise. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed; we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions.

Jesus wants to remind his listeners and us that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful. Saint Paul was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself the greatest of sinners; and yet, thanks to the inexhaustible patience of God, he can count himself a believer.

We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also (as the Parable of the Elder Brother shows) open to that forgiveness offered to others whom we would condemn.

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When we put our problems into God's hands,  
he puts peace into our hearts.

Anon

**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.

**WHAT A WEEK ...** it has been. We have rejoiced in the blessings we have received in welcoming the Holy Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes. This was a momentous 24 hours in the life of St John Fisher Church and Parish, the like of which we are unlikely to see again. Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, saw a hive of activity. Parishioners here and from other parishes too, came and helped, undeterred by the pouring rain, understanding how significant this Visit was. Many people spent almost their whole days, and evenings here, to ensure that the Visit of the Relics was memorable for all who came. It is hard to find words of gratitude and thanks which acknowledge such kind dedication. You have been amazing and wonderful. Thank you!

As soon as the Relics continued on their journey to Aldershot, we began to hear of the growing concern of doctors, for the health of the Monarch. Learning later of her death, many people commented on how surprised they have been by their own reactions to the death of Queen Elizabeth and the sadness they have felt personally. For likely the majority of us, all we have ever known is Queen Elizabeth II, as our Queen, as the Head of State, Commonwealth and for our Anglican brothers and sisters, supreme head of the Church of England. We give thanks for Queen Elizabeth's dedication to duty and service and we pray for the repose of her soul. A Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II will take place at SJF this coming Thursday evening at 7.00pm. With the death of the Queen, comes a new Sovereign. King Charles III has now acceded to the throne.

This past week has without doubt been historic and eventful.

**CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS** wrote the following statement on the 8th September:

*On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all*

*that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'*

*Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration.*

*Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.*

*At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.*

*In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'*

*This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.*

*Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.*

*Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.*

*We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.*

*God save the King.*

*Cardinal Vincent Nichols*

*Archbishop of Westminster*

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**THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES** have provided the following prayers for our use.

**For the happy repose of HM The Queen**

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit. Through our

Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,

And let Perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Prayer for the Royal Family**

Almighty God, source of all consolation, we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Uphold them in your love and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit.

Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ comfort in their sadness, certainty in their doubt and courage to live through this hour. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

**Prayer for the King**

O God, to whom every human power is subject, Grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering to you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

**WATER FROM LOURDES:** is available from the front of the church for you to take away for your use.

**THE LOOP SYSTEM** for those who have hearing difficulties has now been replaced in church with a new system. We hope this will be a benefit to those with hearing loss. Many thanks to Tim Friery who has arranged all of this.

**HAVE YOU SPOTTED...** The new emergency defibrillator which has been fitted to the front of the building, next to the bin store. This has been made possible by donations given in memory of dear David Boyce at the time of his Funeral Mass. The defibrillator is now registered with the emergency services, who can direct those living locally to this site in the case of a cardiac arrest. Please continue to pray for David and the repose of his soul and or his family at this time.

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

For Queen Elizabeth II

**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**

**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

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

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £257

Giving via the bank: £796 (weekly average/August)

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.

**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

**APOLOGIES:** there will be no Saturday morning Mass at 10.00am, this week. The Evening Mass at 6.00pm is unaffected and is as usual.

**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.