

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 18 Sept ✘ Mass Count 1	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 For Sherry Beach in thanksgiving
Mon 19 Sept	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha- sang & Companions	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Wed 21 Sept	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Thur 22 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Fri 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Sat 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	Mass at 10.00am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Sun 25 Sept ✘ Mass Count 2	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	This Mass is available for your intentions This Mass is available for your intentions Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

**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:** 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  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 2  
Ordinary Time  
Week 25

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 18th September 2022

25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



*You cannot be the slave  
both of God and money*

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ask if we are as energetic in our spiritual lives as we are in acquiring wealth and property and the respect of others. In the first reading we are warned against cheating others and trampling on their rights. The psalm reminds us that God cares about the poor. In the second reading, Paul reminds us to pray for everyone, including those in authority. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Dishonest Steward, who used his wits to gain favour. Jesus is out, to recapture our hearts!

### SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If we don't teach our children the faith,  
the world will teach them something else!

**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.

**YOU ALL COUNT:** THE NATIONAL ANNUAL COUNT takes place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 4 weeks. The count measures attendance for each parish across the diocese. The figures are then sent to our Diocesan Offices, to the Bishops' Conference and to the Vatican in Rome, to count attendance world wide. We also collate information regarding the life of our church, including figures relating to the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. Additionally we include the number of funerals which have taken place here. If you spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

**AMEN:** at the height of the Covid pandemic, we were encouraged to receive Holy Communion in silence, without our responding Amen, when the Holy Body of Christ was given to us. Many of us have now got out of the habit of responding Amen. Proclaiming Amen is an important declaration when receiving Holy Communion. When we declare Amen, we are stating unreservedly that this is the Real Presence, that this is the Body of Christ. Parents please encourage your children in this worthy practice also.

**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.

**GOING OFF TO UNI** in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. There are Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges there are also campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net) to find out more. You will be made very welcome, the Catholic

community is a 'home from home.' If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at

[Catholic Chaplaincies at Universities in England, Scotland and Wales, UK](http://CatholicChaplainciesatUniversitiesinEnglandScotlandandWalesUK.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)  
([catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://catholicsatuniversity.org.uk))

<https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to find the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study. Your Catholic chaplains will look forward to meeting you!

**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 carried out the installation.

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

**(UPDATE) 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 registered with the emergency services, who can direct those living locally to this site in the case of a cardiac arrest. Anyone can use a defibrillator, the machine talks you through the process. This link to a 10 minute film by London Hearts gives useful information about its use:

<https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

**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.

**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.

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



**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.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP  
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

has been sponsored this week by Mrs Ayres for Mr Stanley Smith in thanksgiving for improving health

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £238  
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

**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.

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**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**