

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 25 Sept ✘ Mass Count 2	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Matthew & Claire's intentions For Kiernyn, in thanksgiving for his examination results Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 26 Sept	feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	Mass at 9.30am	For Patrick Cronin - intentions
Wed 28 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Daisy & Alan Gill RIP and Elizabeth & George Killingbeck RIP
Thur 29 Sept	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Fri 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Sat 01 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	Mass at 10.00am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Sun 02 Oct ✘ Mass Count 3	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Shania Salian - for her birthday Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Norah Burke RIP

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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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 25th September 2022

26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Today's readings tell of a reversal of fortunes. They tell us that God will upset our notion of how the world should work. Some will find this shocking, and others consider it just, that those who have plenty will suffer; those who suffer will know fullness of life.

Jesus makes this point in a way which is particularly easy to understand. And this is a message he returns to over and over again in his teaching. Riches, esteem, and the things of this world must not distract us from serving God and his people.

The rich man was so focused on his own comfort that he did nothing to help the starving Lazarus whom he saw every day. He should have known better. The Law given in the Old Testament made it clear that caring for those in distress needs to be a priority. Are the needs of others invisible to us?

When our own comfort is our priority, then we are really just serving ourselves. Jesus calls us to join him in this mission of mercy, because he wants us to know the true joy which comes from doing the Father's will.



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 PEACE: Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have not regularly shared The Peace during Holy Mass. From this weekend we will have the opportunity to share the peace again, with those sitting closest to us. Some of us may wish to shake hands, others will simply say "Peace be with you". Some parishioners may still feel a little uneasy, and others may choose not to share The Peace - there is no right or wrong way. You may do so if you wish.

THANK YOU to all who Gift Aid donations to SJF. Gift Aid statements have gone out this week. If you expected one, but do not receive one, please let Traci know. Our Gift Aid Claim for 2021/22 came to a total of £9,472.14 and the small donation scheme through loose money collections yielded a further £2,000. Thanks to all of you who give so generously to SJF. Gift Aided donations enable us to claim tax back from the Inland Revenue, at no additional cost to those who make the donation. This really is a valuable gift back to your church. Many thanks also to Traci our parishioner & Book Keeper, who has made the claim on our behalf and sent out Gift Aid statements.

AQUERO Reflections on the Apparitions of St Bernadette, in the Grotto of Lourdes. Words by Bernard Lavery music by Giovanni—Battista Marseglia. The first ever performance of this Oratorio in aid of Friends of the Holy Land will take place at OUR LADY OF GRACE, CHISWICK, W4 4PU At 6.30pm on Friday 14TH October Tickets £20 for the Concert only available from Chiswick Parish Office Chiswick@rcdow.or.uk or 020 8994 2877. Tickets for both Concert and Buffet Supper in the Parish Centre are £60 Available from: <https://aquero-chiswick.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 15th October The Entry Procession begins at 9.45am further details on the Church Notice Board.

SUPPORTING US BY SPONSORING: If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament lamp by the Holy Tabernacle for your intentions, the cost is just £5 for the week. If you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All your offerings directly support our church. Thank you.

YOU ALL COUNT: THE NATIONAL ANNUAL COUNT takes place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 3 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.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR HAVE CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. It's great to have you with us. You are very welcome.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS is especially for youngsters who have not made their First Holy Communion i.e. children under the age of seven. Parents are encouraged to go along with their children until they are confident

on their own. Children start off in church and then go into the hall. When the youngsters have completed their own liturgy, they return to sit with their parents.

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.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE, Twickenham will be hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 5th October from 6pm. Parents and pupils of your parish are most welcome to attend. They will be offered tours of the college by current students and all departments will be offering demonstrations and displays. Additionally, there will be an address by our Principal, Mr Burke at 6:30pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are required for the talk by Mr Burke. www.strichardreynolds.org.uk

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023: St. Anne's Catholic Primary School in Chertsey will be holding an Open Afternoon on Monday, 3rd October at 1.30pm and an Open Morning on Wednesday, 5th October at 9.30am to which all prospective parents are very welcome. Please contact the school office on 01932 562251 or email office@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk to book a place for your preferred day.

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. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to find the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study. Your Catholic chaplains will look forward to meeting you!

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

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week for those who are new to our Parish Church community. You are very welcome.

EARLY COPIES (and back copies) of this Newsletter can be viewed on the web. Just type RCDOW/Shepperton into your web search engine

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

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: £248
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.

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.

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