

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 03 Oct	feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 04 Oct	St Francis of Assisi	Mass at 9.30am	For the McCaughey family - intentions
Wed 05 Oct	St Faustina Kowalska Virgin	Mass at 9.30am	For a private intention
Thur 06 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	
Fri 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	Mass at 9.30am	For Michael Fernando RIP (8th Anniversary)
Sat 08 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	
Sun 09 Oct ✕ Mass Count 4	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Salvatore Montalbano RIP For Kathleen Tierney RIP and her sister Mary For Joao Rodrigues Teixeira - intentions

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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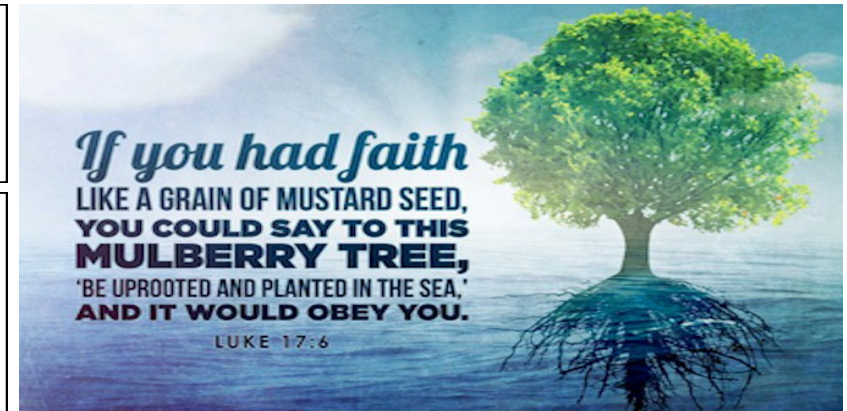
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Week 27

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 2nd October 2022

27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us to be patient. In the first reading the prophet is calling on the Lord and nothing seems to happen. The psalm sings of hearing God's voice. In the second reading Paul reminds us that the Spirit will give us self-control. In the gospel Jesus tells us that God does not always grant our requests, but we must trust that He is working in our lives.

As disciples, we can't just pretend to follow Christ. True discipleship requires action. Jesus makes it very clear what we are supposed to do. We must love God and each other. We must care for the less fortunate in our midst.

Faith also requires a servant's heart. We can't just be people who do really good things. That can become an exercise in ego building. We can't pave our path to heaven through our own actions. We can't earn God's love — we don't have to. We are here to serve. Let God do the rest.



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.

COMING SOON TO THURSDAY MORNINGS: An autumn opportunity to stop for a morning tea/coffee break and chat. Talks coming up will include a parishioner's insider view, working at Buckingham Palace as a Royal Protection Officer and another parishioner's work on the maiden flight of Concord. Dates are still being worked out ... watch this space for more details soon.

A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR SJF

The time is now right for us to get a group of faithful, representatives from across the Sat/Sunday Masses, representing the whole parish community, to form a new Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council will work closely with Fr Shaun, to assist him in developing our church community and mission. If you have some time to spare and are keen to help, please email Fr Shaun at shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk

THANK YOU to all who are assisting in providing refreshments at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. The new rota is working well. It's good news to see additional helpers coming forward.

CARE OF CREATION: A Diocesan briefing is coming up, on how parishes can reduce their carbon footprint. The briefing will be about specific actions that parishes can take. The briefing will not be a discussion or debate on the impact of carbon or who should be lobbied. It will be about the positive actions that we as a Church can take to reduce our carbon footprint. The overall topics to be covered will be: Carbon Neutrality, steps to reducing energy consumption, energy efficiency and energy generation. The Briefing will be held on the 5th of November in the Cathedral Hall, Westminster, starting at 10am for 10:30am and finishing at 1pm. A light lunch will be served. We are looking for two parishioners to attend on behalf of SJF, who can then feed back to Fr Shaun. If you are interested, please let Fr Shaun know asap so that he can book your places. Thank you.

THE HOLY ROSARY GROUP meets every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass. You are welcome to come along to pray with us. It's a great opportunity to learn how to pray the Rosary, especially as October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

SCHOOLS SUPPORT VACANCIES:

Site Assistant (St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - Twickenham)

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

Operations Manager (St Ignatius Catholic Primary - Sunbury)

<https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/>

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.

THE TEN MILLION: On 23rd September 2022, at 11:41am, thousands of people across the UK stopped for a minute of silence to commemorate the ten million lives that have been lost to abortion across Great Britain since the Abortion Act was introduced in 1967. Right To Life UK have released a short two-minute video called *The Ten Million*, which attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. They are encouraging people to share the video with friends and family who may find it of interest. You can see and share the video here: www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion

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>

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.

THE PEACE: Since the beginning of the Pandemic we have not regularly shared The Peace during Holy Mass. From last weekend we now 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.

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.

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.

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

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**
has been sponsored this week by
Sujeeva on the 8th anniversary of the
death of her Father, Michael Fernando RIP

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.

TOILETS are available in the church hall. Please access them via the outside route. 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: £280
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 ANNIVERSARIES THIS OCTOBER

Frank Nagle, Peter King, Christopher Moran,
Kitty Burden, Stella Loftus, Peter Willson,
Anna Casey Clarke, Michael Hennessey,
John Broadhurst, Suzannah Spiller, John Brett,
Jacqueline Restel, Philip Bunce, Patrick Farrell,
Ian Mitchell, Joyce Tracey

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD