

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 16 Oct ✘	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Henry Vialardi RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Patrick Farrell RIP
Mon 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 18 Oct	ST LUKE, Evangelist	Mass at 9.30am	For a private intention
Wed 19 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Gina Tynan on her 90th Birthday
Thur 20 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Denis Miranda RIP In memory of his birthday
Fri 21 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	
Sat 22 Oct	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	
Sun 23 Oct ✘	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of this parish Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Marie Rushe RIP

✘ = 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: 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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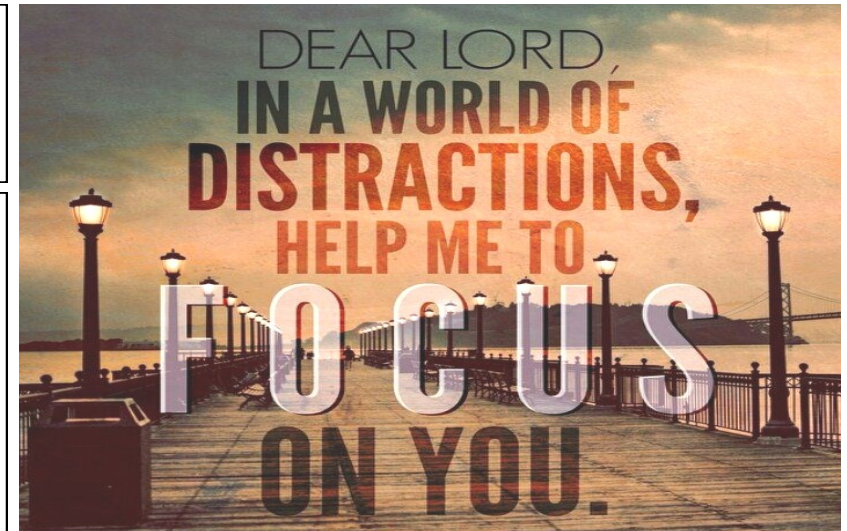
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 16th October 2022

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13

Moses on the mountain has become the classical image of the mediator interceding for those fighting below on the plain. Intercessory prayer has always been part of our tradition of prayer. The first reading reminds us all of the importance of our intercessions.

Second Reading: 2nd Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2

This is the way that the New Testament puts before us of fighting for the faith: to read and interpret the scriptures in the light of the apostolic tradition and to proclaim unceasingly the living gospel: Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

If an evil judge can eventually grant the pressing request of a poor widow, how much the more will God, the just God, be concerned to reply to our prayers. The believer does not doubt this, but they are sometimes put off by the silence of God. It is more important that they persevere. Faith has a living need of prayer, which is its way of breathing.

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.

POST PANDEMIC, RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION Holy Communion can be received by Catholics at Mass either on the tongue or in the hand and you may kneel or stand to receive. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make what we call a throne and hands raised up, near to the priest, will avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus but the Body of Christ in sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is both a beautiful and holy moment with the Lord himself.

THIS COMING NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. In life we pray for those we love, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. During the whole of November, we will remember the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends. There will be the **BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** at Sunbury Cemetery on Saturday 12th November at 12.00noon. All Souls sheets to list the names of your departed loved ones, will be available from next week. Next week onward there will also be an opportunity to buy a **SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLE** for £5, on which to add the names of your loved ones. These candles will burn in the church from All Souls' Day, Wednesday 2nd November onward and will be available for the duration of the month.



FAMILY RESOURCES are available online from the Celebrate Trust. The link contains ideas for families to do, pray, read and watch together. This latest activity pack is aimed at helping families develop an attitude of gratitude. It's free to use. You can see it all here:

<https://www.celebratehome-prayer-stations>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – THANK YOU The second collection last week raised £298.04 to help CAFOD's local experts provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa. Thank you for your kindness. cafod.org.uk/fastday

THANK YOU TO BERNARD LAVERY who unveiled a plaque last weekend to commemorate the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to SJF. It is close by the altar rail on the left hand side of the church.

THE NEW SERVERS' KNEELERS HAVE ARRIVED! Thank you to all parishioners who made donations towards costs. They will make all the difference for our servers during the Holy Mass.

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

BABY LOSS REMEMBRANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES Baby Loss Remembrance is a unique national programme launched by Life, to support women, men and families affected by baby loss. If you've been affected by miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth, there are three services to help.

Ring the National Helpline on 0808 8025433

Text the Text-to-Talk service 07860 077339

The services are people-centred, confidential and 100% free. Trained staff, volunteers, and BACP-accredited counsellors are on hand 9am to 6pm to provide a safe space.

OPEN MORNINGS at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School: Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd November 9.00am -10.00am. The application process for admission to school in Reception 2023 opens on 31st October 2022 and closes on 15th January 2023. Application paperwork and how to apply will be available at the open morning's. It can also be found here: <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/admissions/> or direct from the school office from 31st October 2022 onwards. Booking is required either via email: a.mason@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk or telephone: 01932 785396.

A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE is 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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.westminsterdiocese.org.uk/admissions-guidance)

CHRISTMAS DAY @ THE GREENO — DIARY DATES

AGM Notice: You are cordially invited to the AGM on Sunday 9th October 5.30pm at St Nicholas Parish Centre, Church Square, Shepperton TW17 9JY or you can attend by Zoom. Please email christmasgreeno@gmail.com for an invitation link. Craft Afternoon - Present Making: Wed 26th October 2.00pm - 5.00pm at St Nicholas Parish Centre. Knit and Natter - Bring your own - yarn and needles. All materials provided to make gem encrusted keyrings email for more information here: christmasgreeno@gmail.com or telephone Caroline on 07775901035. Light refreshments will be served at all events.

A DIOCESAN BRIEFING is coming up, on how parishes can reduce their carbon footprint. 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. The briefing will be about specific actions that parishes can take to reduce our carbon footprint. 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.

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, on the maiden flight of Concord & The Little Boats of Dunkirk. Dates are still being worked out ... watch this space for more details soon.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £244

Giving via the bank: £796 (weekly average/August) Our weekend loose offertory collection continues 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.

DIARY DATES: The Solemnity of All Saints is on Tuesday 1st Nov - Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm The Feast of All Souls is on Wednesday 2nd Nov, Mass at 9.30am.

WE ARE NOW TAKING MASS INTENTIONS for November, for the repose of the souls of our departed family and friends. If you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week in thanksgiving for St John Fisher Church

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