

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 23 Oct ✘	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Claire McKenna RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Marie Rushe RIP
Mon 24 Oct	feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 25 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Kay Pollard RIP
Wed 26 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Monica Nevison RIP
Thur 27 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Veronica and Robin Blackford celebrating 60 years of Marriage
Fri 28 Oct	SS SIMON & JUDE Apostles	Mass at 9.30am	For Sean Kavanagh RIP
Sat 29 Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	Mass at 10.00am	Special intentions for Rochelle Jennings
Sun 30 Oct ✘ BST ends	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Winnie Lockwood RIP For Mario Coppi RIP - in memory of his birthday

✘ = 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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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 23rd October 2022

30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we heard a Gospel about humility in social life. Today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted”. This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord’s teaching! The sin of self-exaltation consists in putting others in a lower place as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today’s Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying this prayer to himself, rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn’t talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

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.

WITH SADNESS we announce the death of Kathleen Pollard. To many parishioners, she was known as Kay. Kay had been housebound for some years, receiving Holy Communion at home, which she appreciated greatly. Kay died with her family by her side at the hospice in Woking, having received the Last Rites of the Church. We pray for Kay's soul, that she may rest in peace and we remember her family and friends, who mourn her greatly. Kay's Funeral Mass will be here at St John Fisher Church on Wednesday 9th November at 11.30am followed by cremation.

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, are available this week. We are still awaiting the arrival of **SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** which are on order. These will be available 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.

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.

YOU ARE ALL COUNTED, BECAUSE YOU ALL MATTER TO THE LORD: Most recently we conducted the Annual Mass Count, of those attending Holy Mass at the weekends. These figures are collated across our Diocese and forwarded to the Vatican. The count for SJF

Church this year is 18% lower than our pre-pandemic numbers for the year 2019. Compared with the count for last year, 2021, we had a modest Mass count increase of 4%.



SLEEP-IN SUNDAY! is next Sunday, 30th October, British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!

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.celebratetrust.org/celebratehome-prayer-stations>



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.

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.

REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS - DO PLEASE JOIN US. The church hall entrance can be accessed via the outside door near the rear car park. You are very welcome.

TOILETS are available in the church hall. Please access them via the outside route. Thank 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.

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.rcdow.org.uk)

CAN YOU HELP: CHRISTMAS DAY @ THE GREENO GIFT PREPARATION DAY - Wednesday 26th October. St Nicholas Parish Centre 2-5pm For packing, wrapping and making, plus knitters required for homemade scarves. For more information Contact Caroline 07775901035

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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: £253

Giving via the bank: £696 (weekly average/Sept) 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.

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week by Elsa de Cruz for Thomas Greig RIP whose anniversary falls on 29th October

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED KATHERINE (KAY) POLLARD, DR BRIAN MCQUADE 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