

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 27 Nov ✕	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Winston Lennox Quashie RIP
Mon 28 Nov	Advent feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 29 Nov	Advent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Rita and Reg Day RIP
Wed 30 Nov	ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	Mass at 9.30am	For C V Pepper RIP and for Louise RIP
Thur 01 Dec	Advent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Ron and Joan Colnbrook RIP
Fri 02 Dec	Advent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Agnes Reynolds RIP
Sat 03 Dec	St Francis Xavier, Priest	Mass at 10.00am	For Gavin Boyle RIP - first anniversary
Sun 04 Dec ✕	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For David Boyce RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For the intentions of Jim McKeogh

✕ = 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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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings

Advent 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 27th November 2022
1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Dear Lord, you are the hope in our messy world.
 This Advent, help us slow down, to listen to your voice
 and focus on what's really important.
 We place our hope in you, as we prepare our hearts to
 celebrate your birth this Christmas. Amen.





WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton this Advent. 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 on our YouTube Page.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT HAS BEGUN. Advent is a period of preparation for Christmas, extending over four Sundays, before the great celebration of the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to arrive," This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives, through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his Second Coming at the end of time.

DURING ADVENT ... At the Holy Mass, The Gloria is omitted (with the exception of feast days). We save this beautiful song, sung by the angels in heaven, for the great celebration at Christmas. We also move to the new liturgical Year A for Sunday Mass readings and Year 1, for weekday Mass readings. During this Holy time of preparing, why not spend some additional time in prayer, in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction is every Friday after the 9.30am Mass. The gentle Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is available on Saturday evenings from 5.30pm and by arrangement.

GREAT NEWS: Following interviews last week, it is good to announce that we have a new office Administrator, who will be starting work with us in early December. Shelagh Shewell comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be a very welcome presence. Shelagh will be working in the office in the morning of Wednesday and Thursday each week. Please keep Shelagh in your prayers as she prepares for her new role at SJF church .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2023

Registration is now open for Baptised children in school year 3, whose families usually attend Mass here. In preparation for the First Holy Communion programme, children should know by heart, The Lord's Prayer and be able to make the sign of the cross. We look forward to receiving in the office, your completed registration forms .

DURING JANUARY - there is a possibility that we will open our Church Hall as a **Warm Hub** for local people to drop in. We are aiming for maybe one morning a week, possibly 10.00am -1.00pm? This will provide a warm space for local people who may be struggling to keep their homes heated all the time. We hope to provide refreshments, soup, cake etc. We will be coordinating with other local churches, opening their spaces too. This will all be very dependent on you and the response we get. If you think you might like to help with this, please contact the office, or speak with Fr Shaun directly. Thank you.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL The annual Christmas Celebration concerts at Westminster Cathedral will take place this year on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st December. For tickets, visit www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

CAN YOU HELP IN SOME MARKET RESEARCH?

This year is the 10th anniversary of Caritas Westminster, the social action arm of the Diocese. We are inviting anyone who would be interested to be part of a focus group happening in the coming fortnight to get in touch. There are three Zoom focus groups to choose from: Thursday 1st, Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th Dec from 6.30-7.45pm. Your opinion would be very helpful. If you would like to take part, please email Julie Christie-Webb, Caritas Fundraising Manager, to register, at juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk

WORLD GIFTS for your families and friends, to help others in need. CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) have produced a catalogue, available to take away from the back of the church. Order your world gift by 15th December, receive an illustrated card to personalise for your loved ones and change the lives of others in need.

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

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN FISHER

SATURDAY 24TH DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning [Mass of Advent](#) 10.00am

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas 6.00pm

Carols and Readings begin at 9.30pm

Christmas Mass of the Night [10.00pm](#)

SUNDAY 25TH DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass of the Nativity 8.30am & 10.30am

Wed 28th Dec Mass at 9.30am

SATURDAY 31ST DEC - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

SUNDAY 1ST JAN - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Morning Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am

Wed 4th Jan & Thurs 5th Jan Mass at 9.30am

FRIDAY 6TH JAN -THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

Sat 7th Jan Mass at 10.00am

SUNDAY 8TH JAN -THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat Eve Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.00pm

Morning Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am

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.

HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend SJF 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.

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.

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, after which youngsters return to sit with their parents.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £199.81

Giving via the bank: £733 (weekly average/Oct)

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.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help local people via the Jubilee Food Bank. Thank you.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

HOLLY MILLER,

ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER

Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood,
Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray,
Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis,
Mary Ange Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan,
Richard Caplis, Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating,
Mary Weathers, Caroline Pegley,
Winifred Lockwood, Joan Colnbrook,
Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons, June Ryan

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD