



## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sat 24 Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 	Family Vigil Mass of Christmas 6.00pm  Carols & readings from 9.30pm  Christmas Mass of The Night 10.00pm	Pro Populo - For the people of this parish   Pro Populo - for the people of this parish
Sun 25 Dec ✘	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 	MASS OF THE NATIVITY 8.30AM (Said) MASS OF THE NATIVITY 10.30AM (With carols)	For Lynn & Walerian Szczelkun RIP  Pro Populo - for the people of this parish
Mon 26 Dec Bank Holiday	<b>ST STEPHEN,</b> The First Martyr	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 27 Dec Bank Holiday	<b>ST JOHN,</b> Apostle & Evangelist	No Mass at SJF today	
Wed 28 Dec	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am	For Denis Miranda RIP
Thur 29 Dec	ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr	No Mass at SJF today	
Fri 30 Dec	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	No Mass at SJF today	
Sat 31 Dec New Years Eve	7TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS	No morning Mass	
Sun 01 Jan ✘ New Year's Day	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Reg Day RIP anniversary For the people of this parish For the O'Malley family Intentions

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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
& Divine Office  
Octave of Christmas



**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Sunday 25th Dec 2022  
**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
CHRISTMAS EDITION**



**May the birth of the Saviour  
bring joy to your hearts and lives**



**WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton this Christmas.** 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 YouTube.

**GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS?** May God speed you on your journey. Return back safely and refreshed. If you happen to be visiting St John Fisher or you are a returning Catholic after some time away, you are very welcome. It's good to have you with us.

**O CHRISTMAS TREE, HOW LOVELY ARE YOUR BRANCHES:** We are very grateful to Quality Fruits, on Shepperton High Street and to Halliford School who gifted our Christmas trees to us this year. They are both very splendid!

**THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:** Do please take the opportunity to look at our beautiful Christmas crib, and maybe for a moment before it, offer a prayer. All Crib offerings (donations) made will, as usual, be sent to the Catholic Children's Society, for their important work.

**THANK YOU** to Pir Lavery and Eileen McKeogh who organised the raffle and sale of Christmas goodies last weekend by the entrance porch. They raised, through your generosity £240, to aid the Jubilee Food Bank. The winning raffle numbers are: Hamper: 106 (AD228283), Guylian chocolates: 54 (AD288213) and Celebration chocolates: 167 (AD 228283). Congratulations to the winners, thank you to all who took part.

**AND MORE THANKS...** to the small army of angels who have prepared the church for us all to enjoy this Christmas: Thank you to our sacristans, cleaners, flower arrangers, church decorators, tree arrangers and festoon light hangers. You have gone the extra mile, in the busyness of your own home preparations. You are wonderful!

**CONTACTING THE OFFICE:** The parish office will be open on Wednesday (28th) next week from 9.00am for the morning, for urgent enquiries.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES:** These will be available from this week. They are an opportunity for you to make a Christmas gift, not to Fr Shaun, but to St John Fisher Church, in thanksgiving for the blessings you have received in this Holy place over the past year. If you wish to Gift Aid your Christmas offering, please include your name on the envelope or complete a blue gift aid envelope instead. Thank you

**LITTLE CHURCH** is now on holiday until January. Thank you to all our church catechists who planned and prepared for our little ones over the past year. You are much appreciated.

**REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 CLOSING SOON.** Registration is open for Baptised children in school year 3, whose families attend 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 ASAP.

**DICTIONARY CORNER:** Peter & Nene Wylde are collecting English Dictionaries and thesauruses for a school district in the Nueva Ecija region of the Philippines. Please bring in any new or previously loved English learning books to the collection basket in the porch, if you have them to spare. The closing date is 10th January 2023. Thank you.

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY - Job Opportunities:** Premises Team Leader to join the Premises Team and a Teaching Assistant to work in their SEND Department. For further information, please go to our school website: <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities>

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER** are recruiting a Food Programme Support Officer. Closing date: 9th January 2023. Details and application form in this link: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/food-programme-support-officer-caritas-westminster/>

**UPDATE WARM HUB:** Thank you to all who have offered to help. The Warm Hub begins in the Church Hall on Thursday 5th January 2023 from 10.00am until 1.00pm - with set up time and clear away time required as well. Please now sign up on the sheet at the back of church - we need to do this speedily to avoid a last minute rush and to

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### 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

know who is doing what. With your help we will be providing a warm space for any local people who may be struggling to keep their homes heated all the time. Thank you.

### HELPING OTHERS WITH FOOD BANK DROP OFF:

Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Your kind donations, placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help local people via the Jubilee Food Bank. Thank you to all who have helped over the past year. You are generous and kind.

### HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT

We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament,

**SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD**

with important information regarding God parents are available from the church porch table.

**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. Please don't leave your request until the last moment - especially over Christmas and New Year This is an important document, please do not embarrass the parish priest by requesting a certificate, if you are not attending Mass here regularly. 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)

### TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £332.30

Giving via the bank: £725 (weekly average/Nov)

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.

### THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week by Jill and Ian Fortune for Jill's father, Reg Day. May he rest in peace.

### PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED For Patrick Cronin RIP For Margaret Bigwood (nee Peggy Harris) RIP

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS DECEMBER

Lynn-Marie Szczelkun, Herbert Bishop, James Loftus, Dominic Dyer, Alice Cane, Maurice Dodd, Robert Tams, Terry Ryan, Francis Curley, Lillian Maloney, John Cunningham, Sheila Barrett, Daniel Hodgson, Wilbert West-Watson, Alan South, Marina Schwartz, John Byrne, Sheila Passey, Mary McCarthy, Denis Miranda, Lorna Troop, Reg Day, Fr Dominic Byrne, Gavin Boyle.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**