

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 01 Jan ☒ New Year's Day	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	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
Mon 02 Jan	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Bishops & Doctors	No Mass at SJF today Bank Holiday	
Tues 03 Jan	Christmas feria	No Mass at SJF today Bank Holiday	
Wed 04 Jan	Christmas feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Reg Day RIP anniversary
Thurs 05 Jan	Christmas feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Frank & Peggy Reynolds RIP
Fri 06 Jan ☒	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Mass at 9.30am Mass at 7.00pm	The intentions of Margaret Chapman For the people of this Parish
Sat 07 Jan	Christmas feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Nuala Doyle RIP
Sun 08 Jan ☒	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Alice Cane RIP For Martin & Nora Jennings & Baby Alanna Hughes RIP For the people of this Parish

☒ = 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
2nd -7th Jan
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY 1ST JAN 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



As we begin the New Year, we place ourselves under the protection of the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change crosses into resurrections.

Pope Francis



WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton A very Happy New Year to you. 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.

NEW YEAR AT ST JOHN FISHER

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

PATRICK CRONIN RIP We sadly report the news that Patrick, husband to Shirley, died unexpectedly on 22nd December. Prior to the pandemic, Patrick and Shirley attended weekly, the Saturday Vigil Mass. More recently Patrick had become more frail and was receiving Holy Communion at home. As we await details for his Funeral Mass here, we pray for Patrick's soul and for Shirley and the family at this sad time. Eternal rest grant to Patrick O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen

THANK YOU... to the small army of angels who have prepared the church for us all to enjoy this Christmas: and New Year 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!

THANK YOU for the many Christmas cards and gifts received from parishioners over the past days. Your kindness and generosity are very humbling. Thank you. As I approach my fourth anniversary in January as your Parish Priest, I am blessed by such kindness.

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.

GOING AWAY AND WANT TO WATCH ONLINE?

You can pray the Mass with us on-line if you are house bound or away, just go to You Tube and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA

CONTACTING THE OFFICE: The parish office will be open from Wednesday 4th January as normal.

LAST CHANCE — 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. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES: These are still available. 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 RESUMES ON SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS Thank you to our church catechists who prepare for our little ones week by week.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 CLOSING THIS WEEKEND. 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.

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. 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. 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, 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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD THIS NEW YEAR, AND SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, THE LORD HAS IN MIND FOR YOUR LIFE

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

Is sponsored anonymously this week in thanksgiving for our dedicated parish Volunteers, who work diligently to enhance our liturgies and ensure the church is a welcoming place.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

**For Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
For Patrick Cronin RIP
For Margaret Bigwood (nee Peggy Harris) RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY

Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson, Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane, Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson, Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson, Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi, Margaret Walker, Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel, Tony Hill, Frances Reynolds, Jarek Jedrzejewski.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD