

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 15 Jan ✘	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Tom and Mary Cahill RIP For the people of this Parish For Mario Coppi RIP
Mon 16 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 17 Jan	St Anthony, Abbot	Mass at 9.30am	For Kathleen Crossan RIP
Wed 18 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tom & Kate Noone RIP & Austin & Mary Ellen Jennings RIP
Thurs 19 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the private intentions of Natasha & Annalise Cable
Fri 20 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Jarek JedrzeJowski RIP and for Tom O'Malley RIP
Sat 21 Jan	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 10.00am	For William Capstick RIP
Sun 22 Jan ✘	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF THE WORD OF GOD)	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Cecilia (Sheila) Roughan RIP In thanksgiving for a favour received 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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Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Year 1  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 2

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

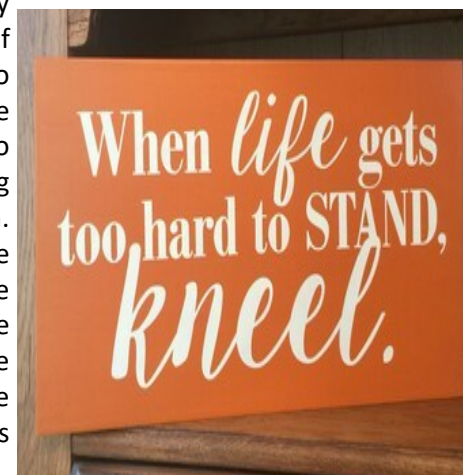


## SUNDAY 15TH JAN 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Last weekend, we celebrated The Baptism of the Lord. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the revelation of the Son of God and who Jesus of Nazareth actually is. This continues this weekend, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew's Gospel.

A New Year is about beginnings. As we return to the beginning of the Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen. Even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the River Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



**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 on YouTube.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped to pack away Christmas decorations, the crib and Christmas trees, last Sunday following the 10.30am Mass. It was a tremendous effort by all involved. Thanks also to Jim who on Monday, sent both trees for garden pulping. You all really did make it lighter work. The Church is now in the Ordinary Time of the year, leading us into Ash Wednesday on 22nd February and the beginning of Lent. We shall start to gather up last year's palm crosses for burning, to make ash, from the first weekend of February.

**THE BURNS NIGHT SUPPER IS BACK!** Saturday 4th February in the Church Hall. A traditional evening not to be missed, bring your friends! Two course supper (veggie option available) and a whiskey toast included. Tickets are available to buy now for £20.00 available from Jean Johnston after the Sunday Masses. This is a lovely evening and a great way to get to meet other parishioners. Come along.

**TREADING THE BOARDS:** After three long years the St John Fisher players are back treading the boards this January. They will be performing Peter Pan on Saturday 21st (7.30pm), Sunday 22nd (3pm) and Saturday 28th (3pm & 7.30pm). Tickets will be on sale after the Masses (£8 for adults and £2 for children). Alternatively, you can contact Katrina on 07921 409402 or at [katrinalavery80@gmail.com](mailto:katrinalavery80@gmail.com)

**WHILST THE PANTO IS BEING SET UP** refreshments after the 10.30am Mass are suspended for Sundays of the 15th and 22nd Jan.

**LITTLE CHURCH** is each Sunday at the 10.30am Mass. Beginning in Church, the children go off for their own liturgy at the beginning of Mass. Children, we enjoy you being with us! 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2023** continues this coming Tuesday in the church hall, at 5.00pm. Parents please ensure that your children arrive in good time, so as to begin promptly. Children, have you completed the home work set for you by our FHC catechists Jean and Pir last Tuesday?

**A VITAL ROLE** in any parish church is the counting of the weekly collections. Some of our counters are now keen to hand over the reins, following their great service to their church - we thank them for their time and commitment. If you have an hour to spare, once a month, on a Wednesday morning, might you consider helping? You do not need any expertise or ability with maths... we use a calculator! Please email or speak with Fr Shaun if you are interested in knowing more.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** - if you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, for a week, the diary is open. To sponsor costs just £5 for a whole week. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. Additionally, if you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All your offerings directly support the work of your church. Thank you.

**THE WARM HUB IS UP AND RUNNING** Thank you to all who pitched in to help last week. There are specific one hour slots to sign up for. The Hub is open to all, for all ages. Do please let others know who might be interested. If you happen to be at Mass on Thursday morning, why not call in for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards?

**GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY DEBTS** As this is the month when bills might be highest, people who are in debt to their energy supplier may be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details are on this link, plus links to several advice providers: <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

**HELPING OTHERS—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 for your generosity.

## WARM HUB ON THURSDAYS 10.00am-1.00pm



Free and  
open to all

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH HALL  
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to book -  
just come  
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Refreshments  
available

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** We have enjoyed Shelagh working as our Administrator in the church office over the past few weeks. However Shelagh has decided that the role isn't quite right for her and is moving on to new pastures. We wish her the very best for the future. Shelagh sends her thanks to all those who have welcomed her and to parishioners she has met.

**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.

### 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.

**THE HOLY ROSARY GROUP** meets every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass. You are welcome to come along to pray with us. It's a great opportunity to learn how to pray the Rosary.

**IT'S A KINDNESS** when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for other parishioners coming to the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. A waste bin is available for any rubbish at the entrance. Thank you.

### SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES:

#### ST RICHARD REYNOLDS

Teacher of Maths & Teacher of History (September 20023) <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

#### 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>

### TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £297. 59  
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.

**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**

### PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

For Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Maureen (Mausie) Pearce RIP

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 Jedrzejowski.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**