

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 23 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Lorna Troop RIP
Wed 25 Jan	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	Mass at 9.30am	For Margaret O'Shea RIP
Thurs 26 Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops	Mass at 9.30am	For Tony Hill RIP (Birthday)
Fri 27 Jan HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joy Palmer RIP
Sat 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 10.00am	For Jim Balazs RIP
Sun 29 Jan ✘	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Judy Davis RIP For Dennis & Dorothy Hooper RIP For Nora Burke RIP (anniversary on 24th)

✘ = 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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Year 1
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



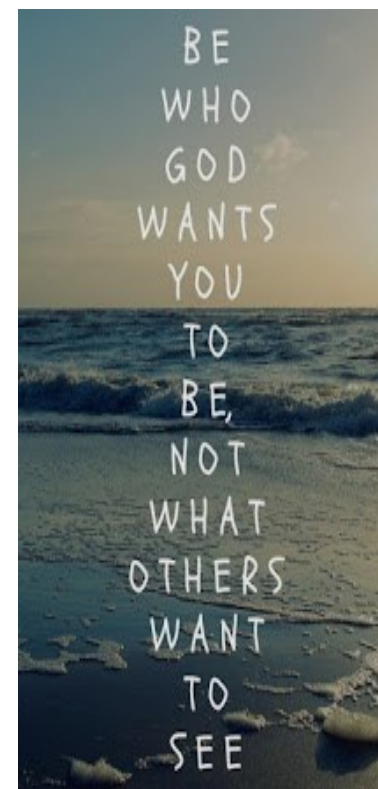
SUNDAY 22ND JAN 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pope Francis invites us all to re-discover the Bible on this special day. Make time for Scripture and its power to transform our life. The God Who Speaks team in our diocese has gathered together some resources. For us here: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/about-the-bible/>
Jesus & the Gospels: free posters <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/posters-for-schools/>

We will spend most of the Sundays of this year, in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel, like the others, has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment.

Today is a perfect example. Zebulun and Naphthali was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus settles and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.



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.

THE BURNS NIGHT SUPPER IS BACK! Saturday 4th February in the Church Hall. A traditional evening, celebrating the Scot, Robert Burns is not to be missed. 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 and bring your friends.

PETER PAN: some tickets are still available for this 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). Or contact Katrina on 07921 409402 or at katrinalavery80@gmail.com

WHILST THE PANTO IS BEING SET UP refreshments after the 10.30am Mass are suspended for this Sunday 22nd Jan.

ARE YOU IN LONDON NEXT TUESDAY 24TH JAN? At 5.00pm there will be a service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) in Westminster Cathedral to honour the life of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict, and to pray for the repose of his soul. Many of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will be attending, as well as ecumenical guests. Lord Williams of Oystermouth, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will give an address. Tickets are not required.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: The 27th January is the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future.

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. Please keep our youngsters and their catechists, Pir and Jean in your prayers at this time.

PARENTING FOR FAITH - a new online course starting for those with Babies and Toddlers over 5 weeks from 23rd March 23 via Zoom starting at 8:00pm. There is a £5 registration fee.

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith>

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.

31ST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Mass for the Sick at Westminster Cathedral at 2.30pm, Saturday 11th February 2023 The Cardinal will celebrate the Mass during which the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. To help with planning for the Mass and the anointing, please let Fr Shaun know if you would like to attend. He will then book tickets. Please let him know which category you would like a ticket for:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

'SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY' Day Conference Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. Come and join 1300 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author,

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON. So whether you are a volunteer, parent, or catechist, clergy, or just want a boost for your faith life, then this conference is for you. Sat 11th Feb 10am-5pm at the QEII Centre, Westminster, SW1P 3EE You can find out more here:

<https://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com>

UPDATE THE WARM HUB This Thursday is the last Warm Hub in its present form. The Hub was originally intended for January alone. Those who came said they would like to see it continue, as an opportunity to meet up, have some refreshments and a chat. From February we'll continue to meet on Thursdays from 10.00 until 11.30ish and we'll see how it goes. Do come along, it's a good opportunity to meet with others in the parish. It's free and it will be warm! Thank you to all who have helped out so far. A new sign up sheet will be ready from Thursday onward.



**WARM HUB
ON THURSDAYS
10.00am-1.00pm**

Free and open to all

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH HALL
SQUIRES ROAD
SHEPPERTON, TW17 0DH

No need to book - just come along

01932 563116
shepperton@rcdow.org.uk

Refreshments available

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.

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.

THE 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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £286.02

Giving via the bank: £735.08 (weekly average/Dec) 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.

ANY OFFERS? 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

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**
is sponsored this week by Daphne Argent for Holocaust Memorial Day and in honourable memory of all who perished.

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