

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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 Norah Burke RIP (anniversary on 24th)
Mon 30 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest	Mass at 9.30am	For the departed members of the Trainer family RIP
Wed 01 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Rita Day RIP (Birthday)
Thurs 02 Feb	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)	Mass at 9.30am Funeral Mass at 11.30am	For Patrick Cronin RIP  For Maureen Greta Pearce RIP
Fri 03 Feb	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore <i>Blessing of throats after Mass</i>	Mass at 9.30am	For Emily Theobalds RIP (4th anniversary)
Sat 04 Feb	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Joyce Mary Swan RIP
Sun 05 Feb ☒	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Peggy Agg RIP For Lucian Farcasi RIP (Birthday) For the intentions of the Joseph Family

☒ = 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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ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY 29TH JAN 2023  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The power to live the  
**BEATITUDES**



**THE POOR IN SPIRIT** Embracing our need for God.

**THE MOURNERS** Experiencing God's comfort in our pain.

**THE MEEK** Choosing humble submissiveness over ambition and authority.

**THE HUNGRY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** Longing for God to make all things new.

**THE MERCIFUL** Extending God's incredible compassion and mercy.

**THE PURE IN HEART** Making our hearts fully God's, in all we think, say and do.

**THE PEACEMAKERS** Bringing healing, togetherness, and fullness to our world.

**THE PERSECUTED** Following Jesus no matter what the cost.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. These show us that the promise of a "universal blessing" which was made to Abraham will be fulfilled in Jesus. Unlike the world, God blesses those who are without power and influence. The Beatitudes, lay out, what it means to follow Jesus.

God's blessings are for all, but we must work for the virtues which Jesus lists here. We must be poor in spirit, meek, gentle, merciful, peacemakers, and more. This is not the way of the world, but the Kingdom which we must strive for.

- What blessings do I see in my life?
- How do I thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on me?
- Who can I be a blessing to today?

Consider ... are you actively seeking God or are you just waiting for something to happen ?

**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:** We have sent off a cheque to the Catholic Children's Society for £144.94, raised through donations to the Christmas Crib. Also the recent sale of goodies and raffle run by Pir and Eileen raised £289.67 for the Jubilee Food Bank (Bag of Food). Many thanks to all who gave in any way. Thank you to all who have supported the Pantomime this year. Ticket proceeds will go to support the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Thank you to the cast and company of helpers who have made us laugh this year.

**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** falls this coming Thursday. The Feast is also known as 'Candlemas' and commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, forty days after the birth of Jesus and the ritual presentation of Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. Candlemas comes from our solemn blessing of candles which are used in church and in our homes during the year. We hold these candles in our hands to honour Christ, who is the true light of the world. If you have any new candles at home which you would like to be blessed, just bring them with you to Mass on Thursday at 9.30am. Usually the blessing of candles takes place at the back of the church. As we now have live streaming at the Mass, the Blessing will take place with the priest at the front of the church, so all can see.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR ALREADY...** when we ask you to return any palm crosses that you may not want to keep. These will be burned to make the ash for use on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Look out for the basket to return your Palms.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?** The trees along the side wall of the church and those in the front garden have been pruned back and now look a lot neater. Many thanks to two of our parishioners who have generously covered the full costs involved.

**ON FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY** we will be celebrating the diocesan memorial Mass of Ss Laurence,

Dunstan & Theodore. This date is traditionally the memorial of St Blaise, the patron saint of throats, so the blessing of throats will be given at the end of the Mass.

**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.

**REFRESHMENTS** have resumed again after the 10.30am Sunday Mass— you will be most welcome. The hall for refreshments and access to the toilets is via the outside door, along the side of the church.

**CAR PARKING:** The roads around the church can get very congested at the weekend Masses, especially at the 10.30am Mass. If you are driving to Mass, please consider using the free car park, at the rear of the church hall. This will help our neighbours with the congestion too.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** After several years as our PSR, Katrina is stepping down and we therefore need to appoint a new Representative ASAP. This is an essential voluntary role in the church. If you might be interested, please speak with Fr Shaun. We offer our thanks and enormous gratitude to Katrina for her work over the years.

#### **SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February  
Ash Wednesday beginning of Lent- 22nd February  
1st Sunday of Lent - 26th February  
St Patrick -17th March  
St Joseph - 20th March  
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March  
Palm Sunday – Holy Week commences 2nd April  
Maundy Thursday - 6th April  
Good Friday - 7th April  
Holy Saturday - 8th April  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 9th April  
St George - 24th April

**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.

**PARENTING FOR FAITH** - a new online course starting for those with Babies and Toddlers over 5 weeks from 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 **ASAP** 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.

**REVISED: THE WARM HUB IN FEBRUARY** will continue to meet on Thursdays at the new times of 10.00am until 11.30am. Do come along, it's a good opportunity to meet with others in the church hall. It's absolutely free and it will be warm! Thank you to all who have helped out so far. A new sign up sheet is now available for volunteer helpers at the back of the church.

**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.

**WATER FROM LOURDES:** is available from the front of the church for you to take away for your use. Just help yourself!

#### **TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £233.83  
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.

#### **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

is sponsored this week by Daphne Argent  
for the people of Ukraine

#### **PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

For Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI  
Maureen Greta 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**