

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 08 Jan ☒	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (The Season of Christmas ends)	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
Mon 09 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 10 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tony Hill RIP (anniversary 4th Jan)
Wed 11 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tom Fitzsimons RIP
Thurs 12 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Fiona Smith who is ill
Fri 13 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joe D' Lima RIP
Sat 14 Jan	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the birthday intentions of Sarah Lonie
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

☒ = 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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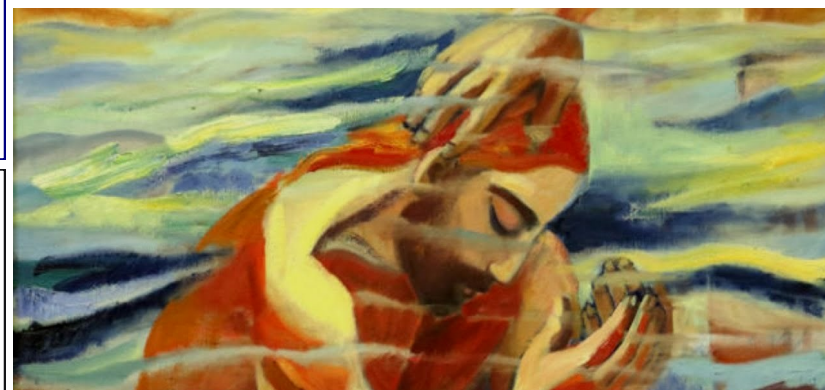


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Year 1
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Psalter Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY 8TH JAN 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



It may seem strange, but today is a Christmas Feast. Not if we only think of Christmas in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the Feasts of The Holy Family and The Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God. This manifestation was seen first by the shepherds and then the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all, as the fullness of all God's promises: This is my Son, the Beloved.

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he sends his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them, that we can see fully, the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of the Season of Christmas and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so, having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved. Happy Feast Day!



As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we recall our own Baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it.

We pray that others too, may be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next.

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.

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.

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

THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY to visit the Christmas Crib, now with the arrival of the three Kings. Do please take the opportunity to look at our beautiful 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 with children. Thank you for supporting the Society.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Masses during the week, especially those who attended the Requiem Mass for Pope Benedict and the Masses for the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord.

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/>

LITTLE CHURCH RESUMES THIS 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.

LAST FRIDAY we celebrated the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Blessed chalk is available today for the Epiphany Blessing of Homes.

There is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are the following prayers and chalk, to mark the frame of your door with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this weekend asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

20 + C + M + B + 23

Each letter could be written by a different family member. Then pray the following prayer:

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES begin this coming Tuesday 10th January in the church hall at 5.00pm. Parents please ensure that your children arrive by 5.00pm, so as to begin on time.

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 appreciate greatly the work of our FHC catechists Jean and Pir, who give their time voluntarily, assisting parents in teaching the faith to our youngsters.

WARM HUB ON THURSDAYS 10.00am-1.00pm



Free and
open to all

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available

THE WARM HUB IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

Thank you to all who pitched in to help last week. There are now 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?

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 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.

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 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 at: [Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk/admissions-guidance)

SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES: ST RICHARD REYNOLDS

Teacher of Maths & Teacher of History (September 2023) <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>

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP - if you would like to

sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, for a week during 2023, the diary is now open. To sponsor costs just £5. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate 31 Dec/1 Jan: £328. 24 Christmas 24/25.Dec: Loose £751.33
One off Christmas envelopes: £666.89
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.

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 Ekel, Tony Hill, Frances Reynolds, Jarek Jedrzejowski.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD