

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 12 Feb ✘	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Sheila and Ted Doran RIP For the people of this Parish For Stephen Marriage RIP (4th anniversary)
Mon 13 Feb	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 14 Feb	Ss CYRIL, Monk and METHODIUS, Bishop	Apologies there is no Mass today at SJF	
Wed 15 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Cecil & Helen Rowntree RIP
Thurs 16 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the intentions of the Hunt family
Fri 17 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the people of Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes
Sat 18 Feb	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism at 12.00 noon	For the repose of the souls of members of the Killingbeck & Gill Families Jacob Tobenna Aduayi
Sun 19 Feb ✘	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the intentions of Celine Carville For the people of this Parish For the intentions of Fiona

✘ = 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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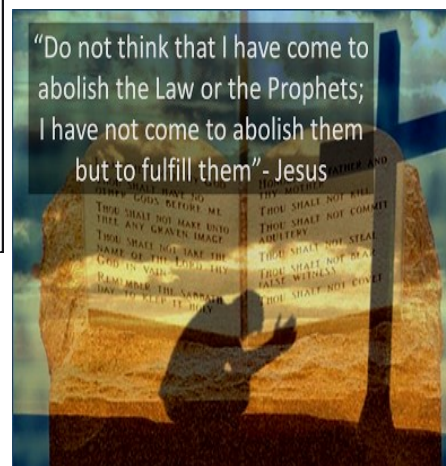
ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY 12TH FEB 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the Law and Commandments. The first reading tells us to choose life by obeying God's commandments, taking the right path. The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is far greater than our own. In the Gospel reading, Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount. Jesus covers many of the same topics as the Ten Commandments, such as murder and adultery, but Jesus interprets the Law afresh. He does not dismiss the Law but adds additional meaning.



"Do not think that I have come to
abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish them
but to fulfill them" - Jesus

FAITH

TELLS ME THAT NO
MATTER WHAT LIES
AHEAD OF ME,

GOD

IS ALREADY THERE.

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.

NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY to return your old palm crosses. These will be burned to make the ash for use on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Look out for the basket at the back of the church, to return your palms.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: we wish our children who are on their half term break, a happy week ahead. A reminder also for those children preparing for their First Holy Communion, that there will be no class this coming Tuesday 14th Feb

HOLY BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS TO Amaury Thorge Julian Bacquey Riesch who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday. We wish him many blessings as he continues his pilgrimage of faith. Please pray for him and for his family.

CAFOD SYRIA -TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL
CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our brothers and sisters affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

FOR THOSE MEN WHO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST...
The Catenians will be holding a small reception in our church hall on Tuesday 14th February at 7.00pm - do please come along.

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.

THANK YOU if you supported the Burns Night Supper in any way. £850 was raised for the Lourdes Fund. It was an evening with great food, and lots of laughter. Thank you to Jean and her many helpers, who made the occasion possible.

WEEKLY DURING LENT: TOP UP YOUR KNOWLEDGE: an evening get together & discussion, for all who would like to renew their faith during Lent. Five Thursdays beginning 2nd March at 7.30pm ending by 8.45/9.00pm. If you are interested, please let Fr Shaun know, so that he can manage numbers. We will be following the Sycamore film course: Wk 1 - The existence of God, Wk 2 - Who is Jesus? Wk 3 - The Holy Spirit, Wk 4 - The Church and Wk 5 - The gift of faith.

UPDATE - FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you to all who continue to make donations to the food bank for local people in need. We recently received this from the Jubilee food bank:
Dear Father Richards, We would like to express our gratitude to you and all your congregation for all that you do to support the Bags of Food project, not only through your weekly donations of food, but also through your recent generous financial gift. We have more families than usual needing support at the moment, so this is very timely. We really value you partnering with us in this way to show God's love to our community who are going through such a difficult and worrying time at the moment. Your help goes a long way. God bless, Wendy and Ruth and all the team at Jubilee Church

YOU ARE INVITED to a private tour of Westminster Cathedral on the evening of Thursday 2nd March. The evening will begin with Mass in the Cathedral at 5:30pm followed by a tour of the Cathedral conducted by the Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral finishing around 8pm. There is no charge for the tour & children are welcome. If you wish to enjoy this unique opportunity, to have an exclusive tour of the Cathedral please register your interest on the list in the porch.
There will also be an opportunity to join the Friends to hear about their work and attend future events in the Cathedral. Membership of the Society of Friends is open to all, and the society provides an important social and community hub for the Cathedral offering a programme of talks, tours, social activities and online events. It costs from just £30 a year to join and members are kept in touch with news and exclusive events via a bi-annual newsletter and social media.

APOLOGIES, Mass will not be celebrated at St John Fisher on Tuesday, this coming week. All other Masses continue as usual.

PATRICK CRONIN RIP: The date for the Funeral Mass for Patrick has now been set for 11.30am on Thursday 9th March. We continue to pray for the repose of dear Patrick's soul and we pray also for Shirley his wife and the whole family at this time.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Ash Wednesday beginning of Lent- 22nd February
First Reconciliation (FHC class) 25th 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

EVERY BABY IN THE WOMB HAS A RIGHT TO LIFE: A Petition to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. In 2021, abortion campaigners brought forward an amendment to a Government Bill that would have introduced abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion). This amendment did not go to a vote, but the abortion lobby is expected to make another attempt to introduce this extreme abortion law change shortly. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would introduce one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. Right To Life UK is running a petition to ask the Prime Minister to do everything in his power to stop the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please add your name to the petition here:
<https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitionorishi>

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.

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 IN FEBRUARY is open 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 sign up sheet is available for volunteer helpers at the back of the church.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate: £231.44
Giving via the bank: £840.08 (weekly average/Jan)
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.

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 our free car park, at the rear of the church hall. Many thanks.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week by Diane Williams for the family of Frances Williams RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
For Patrick Cronin RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS FEBRUARY
Canon George Groves, Peter Madyslam, Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael Groarke, Mary Pitfield, Fr Ron Aylward, Bernard Bunce, Nora Harris, Raymond Restel, Anne Quinn, Terry Sharratt, Brenda Jones, Patrick Harris, Barbara Hughes, Stephen Marriage. Samuel William Elliott.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD