

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 03 Sept	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Marian Miranda—family intentions For Bill Chawke RIP Pro populo
Mon 04 Sept	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 05 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the Care of Creation
Wed 06 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Ann and Peter McDough (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Thurs 07 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am	
Fri 08 Sept	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Francis Joseph for a good recovery
Sat 09 Sept	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am Baptism 12 noon	
Sun ☒ 10 Sept	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro populo For Helen Diekmann—RIP For Emma McDade—RIP

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. ☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

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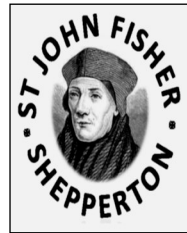
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To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:

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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 3rd September 2023 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is.

The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did.

Jesus' disciples were well aware what a cross meant. It was an agonizing, torturous death. So it is not surprising that Peter did not want Jesus to take up his cross. Who would want that for someone they love?

But Jesus is looking at it differently. It is an unflinching march to do the Father's will. It is an act which will transform suffering and even death.



WELCOME to Mass at St John Fisher today, especially if you are visiting whilst on holiday. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are a new parishioner to SJF church, you are very welcome, please introduce yourself.

THANK YOU TO FR JOSEPH THANGARAJ MHM who ends his time with us this weekend. We are immensely grateful for his time with us celebrating the Masses at SJF and offering pastoral support whilst Fr Shaun has been on annual leave. Fr Shaun will be back with us on Tuesday.



SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH ... devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden that devotion to the

Blessed Virgin Mary's seven sorrows would bring great graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Marys whilst also meditating on the seven sorrows of Mary which are:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Lk. 2:34-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Mt. 2:13-21)
3. The loss of Jesus for three days (Lk. 2:41-50)
4. The carrying of the cross (Jn. 19:17)
5. The crucifixion of Jesus (Jn. 19:18-30)
6. Jesus taken down from the cross (Jn. 19:39-40)
7. Jesus laid in the tomb (Jn. 19:39-42)

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son, as he gave his life to save the world, feeling the sorrow of his passion and death as only a mother can. This devotion is offered during Lent, but especially during September when we keep the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th - the day after the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

REFRESHMENTS after the 10.30am Mass are in the church Hall. You can get there by leaving the church and walking towards the car park at the back. You will be very welcome!

MARY'S MEALS' CURRENCY — THANK YOU.

Over the Summer we have been collecting foreign currency, and notes and coins which are no longer legal tender. We have been doing this to help the charity, Mary's Meals, feed hungry children around the world. Thank you - you have been amazing. We have collected 25.2kg (55.6 lbs) in weight of coins and notes. Thank you to all who have made this happen. You will make a difference to the lives of many children.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? We hope to run a programme in the Autumn for Adults who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. This programme will also be suitable for Catholic adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so. If you are interested initial inquiry forms are available from Mandy in the church office.

SJF PANTOMIME Rehearsals for this year's pantomime will be starting imminently. If anyone would like to tread the boards with the SJF players, please can you let Katrina know by the 10th September. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons with live performances in late January. The team are also looking for backstage hands and support with PR and ticket sales. If you feel you would like to be involved in this way, please contact Katrina by the 10th September. Katrinalavery80@gmail.com / 07921 409402

HOLY BAPTISM Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding the requirement of Catholic God parents, are available on request.

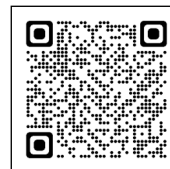
IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous, towards those who live locally, who are struggling at the moment.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £215.77
 Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £2952; £738 per week (weekly average for June)
 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, thank you. We seriously couldn't survive without your support.

THE DOUGH SHACK - WOOD FIRED PIZZA are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm until 8.30pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code (just capture it on your mobile phone) Call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up and order. The menu is also listed here: thedoughshack.co.uk Please do support the Dough Shack if you can - they are supporting us!



LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM MASS is on holiday until it resumes again next Sunday 10th September. Children can pick up a children's activity sheet and children's Mass book from the back of the church.

A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE is exactly 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. This is an important document, please do not embarrass the parish priest by requesting a certificate, if you are not attending Mass here regularly. If you happen to have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. 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 for certificates can be found on school websites and at: [Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service (rcdow.org.uk))

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week, for our young people returning to schools and colleges in the coming days.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER
 Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw, Clive Ross, Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross, Michael O' Reilly, Sheila Thompson, Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney, Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes.
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