

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

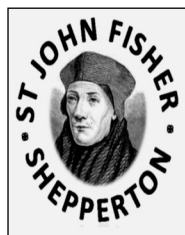
Sun ☒ 10 Sept	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Helen Diekmann RIP For Emma McDade RIP (1st anniversary)
Mon 11 Sept	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 12 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tracey Haddon (Goodall) RIP
Wed 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For those receiving medical treatment
Thurs 14 Sept	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving for the safe arrival of baby Alexander Patrick
Fri 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For May and Louie McKeough RIP
Sat 16 Sept	Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Mass at 10.00am	
Sun ☒ 17 Sept	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Francis Joseph - for a good recovery

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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To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/> We are a registered charity No: 233699



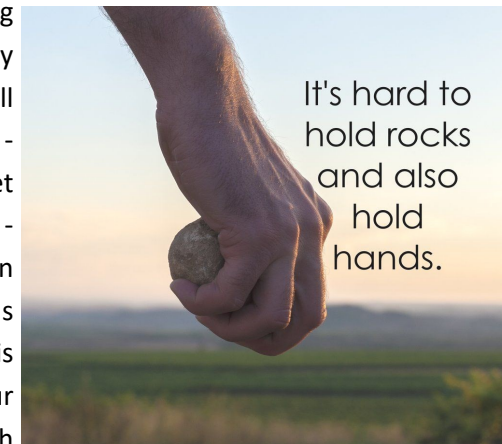
Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 23

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

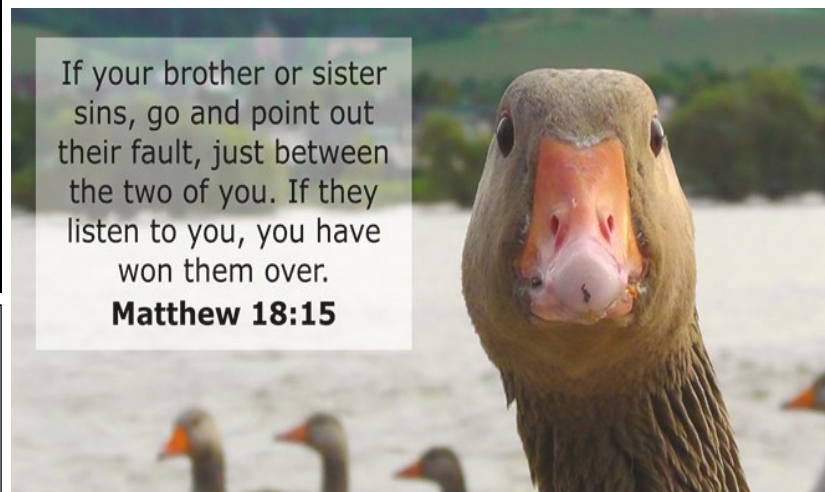


Sunday 10th September 2023 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter

As the saying goes... *No man is an island...* How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our debt of mutual love. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love and kindness are the answer to every one of the commandments.



It's hard to hold rocks and also hold hands.



If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.
Matthew 18:15

WELCOME to Mass at St John Fisher today, especially if you are visiting. 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.

IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK WITH YOU. Thank you to Fr Joseph Thangaraj MHM who celebrated the Masses at SJF and offered pastoral support whilst I was away on holiday. Our schools and colleges have begun a new term and the Summer holidays begin to feel like a distant memory... a huge thank you to all who *walked the extra mile* to keep things going at SJF over the Summer weeks. We can easily forget, when we come to Mass (when everything is ready and prepared), that a small number of people, in all manner of areas, in and around the church, work to ensure the liturgies of the Church continue. Thank you to those parishioners who help to make it all happen, you are brilliant!. Fr Shaun

WE CONGRATULATE Max James Taylor who was Baptised into the faith this weekend. Please pray for Max and for his parents Nancy and Nathan as together, they celebrate this milestone for Max, and for their family.

HOLY BAPTISM Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM MASS resumes this Sunday 10th September. Children can also pick up a children's activity sheet and children's Mass book from the back of the church.

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!

THE CHURCH CAR PARK is looking much more presentable than of late - thank you to all involved in cutting and clearing back the weeds.

IT'S ALL IN THE NUMBERS: if you like number crunching, our diocesan finance team have kindly produced some information for you to view on Income and Expenditure at SJF for last year (2022). This information was taken from the Financial Statement we submitted to the Diocese previously. You can see the information displayed on the noticeboard by the church entrance.

MARY'S MEALS' CURRENCY COLLECTION IS NOW CLOSED. We have collected a whopping final total of 27.8kg (61.4lb) in weight of coins and notes. Thank you. You will make a difference to the lives of many children.

LOOKING AHEAD: In January we will begin the First Holy Communion Programme for the children in our church. Over many years Jean Johnston and Pir Lavery have guided our children with great kindness and care. After so many years, this coming programme, will be their last, as they prepare to hand on the batten to two new catechists. So we are looking for two people to shadow Jean and Pir, so that they get to know the course, before taking over the following year. Teaching experience is not essential, just a keenness to learn and a desire to pass on the Catholic faith to our youngsters. If you are a parent of a child who has made their FHC here, you will know how important our catechists are and how important our FHC programme is to our families. Could you consider becoming a catechist/teacher yourself? If you would like to know more - please have a chat with Jean or Pir and Fr Shaun. Thank you.

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 this Sunday, 10th September. Katrinalavery80@gmail.com / 07921 409402

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.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £284.40 Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £3553.33; (£888.33 per week - weekly average for August) 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 do all we do, without your support.

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. All of our donations are taken over to the Jubilee Centre for distribution. Thank you again.

MASSES AT SJF are live streamed. Via YouTube. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated with ill health

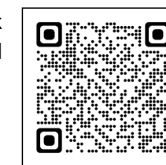
AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home) My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

Admission to Year 7 in 2023
OPEN MORNINGS -No appointment necessary - tours approximately 1 hour
Thursday 22nd & 29th Sept & 6th Oct. 8.45am to 10.15am
OPEN EVENING -Thursday 22nd Sept 5.00pm to 7.30pm
Headteacher Address at 5.45pm and 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening
Admission to Year 12 in 2023
Wednesday 28th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Address at 6.30pm
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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)



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. Please do support the Dough Shack if you can - they are supporting us!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP burns continually by the Tabernacle. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for a particular intention it's just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the office to sponsor your preferred week.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week, for all who are receiving medical treatment at this time

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Helen Diekmann RIP
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.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD