

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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Mon 18 Sept	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 19 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For John Ward who is sick at this time
Wed 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Hsang, and Companions Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For all whose lives have been affected by the natural disasters in Morocco, Libya, and Hawaii
Thurs 21 Sept	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	Mass at 9.30am	For Rupert de Lisle RIP
Fri 22 Sept	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For a private intention
Sat 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Mass at 10.00am	For Daisy Gill RIP (2nd anniversary)
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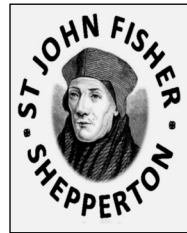
Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request
Prayer Request Box: at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of 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:
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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 24

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



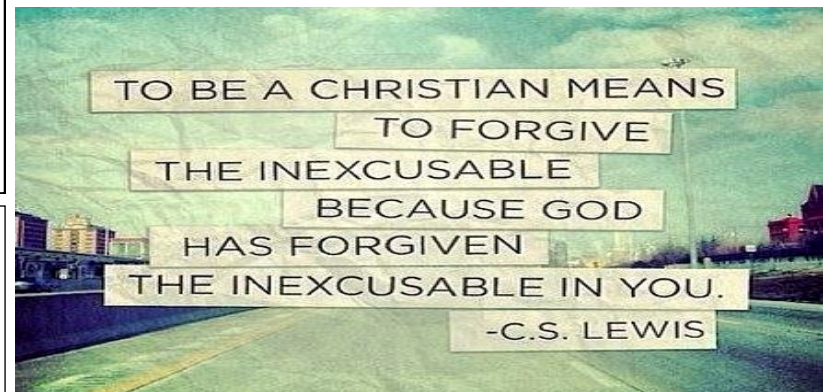
Sunday 17th September 2023 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again" ?

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times

When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that we should never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: Father, forgive them... As his disciples, we must do likewise.



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 to Fr Shaun.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY — SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER. This will be to celebrate the bestowing of the Holy Father's Benemerenti Medal upon Gerry O' Malley. The 10.30am Mass on this date will be offered for Gerry's intentions. We will celebrate this great honour with him, after the Mass, with a party in the hall. Please do keep the date free for this happy occasion.

HELEN DIEKMANN: The funeral for Helen Diekmann (wife to Terence), who died on Sunday 27th August, will be held on Tuesday 26th Sept. at 11.00am at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, KT22 0AG.

GIFT AID 2022-23 Last week we sent out to parishioners, the gift aid statement letters for the tax year ending 5th April. If you are a gift aider and you did not receive one, please contact Traci. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of parishioners, our claim this year comes to £8,555 with an additional £2,000 from the small donation scheme. This is all without costing you a penny piece. This is free money from the Government, because you signed up to Gift-Aid your donations to the Church. Thank you.

If you are a taxpayer and do not already Gift Aid your offerings but would like to, it's very simple. Please contact Traci in the church office or email her at: sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

BE FAMILIAR... with our church and church hall exit doors and routes. You may have been coming to SJF for many years or are at SJF for the first time. It's always a good idea to look around to see where your nearest exit route is, in the event that we ever need to evacuate our building at short notice. Thank you.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM MASS resumes this Sunday 17th September. Children can also pick up a children's activity sheet and children's Mass book from the back of the church.

NEW PADLOCK: The gates leading into the church car park now have a new padlock. If you have previously had a key to the gates (for your group), please visit Mandy in the office, to exchange your old key for the new one. If you no longer use your old key, please return it to the office. Many thanks.

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!

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

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

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.

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: £280.36 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

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

Open Mornings: (date and time correction)
Admission to Year 7 in 2024. Thursdays 21st Sept, 28th Sept and 5th Oct
Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am
No appointment necessary
Open Evening: Thursday 21st Sept from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Headteacher Evening Address at 6.00 pm and 7.00pm. Sixth Form Open Evening: Admission to Year 12 in 2024, Wednesday 27th Sept from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Evening 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, but please do not embarrass Fr Shaun 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 at: [Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)

THE DOUGH SHACK - WOOD

FIRE 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 caught up in natural disasters around the world - and for the aid agencies working to bring relief.

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