

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 29 Oct	<b>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Patrick, May & Bernie Doohan RIP Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Julian Bacon - for a private intention
Mon 30 Oct	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 31 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	Special intention for Bronwyn & family
Wed ☒ 01 Nov	<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b> <b>Holy Rosary after Mass</b> <b>Mass at 7.00pm</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish Pro Populo - for the people of our parish
Thurs 02 Nov	<b>THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</b>	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b>	For the souls of all the faithful departed
Fri 03 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Fr Peter Sharpe on his 85th Birthday
Sat 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mass at 10.00am The blessing of graves at 12.00noon	For Elizabeth & George Killingbeck RIP
Sun ☒ 05 Nov	<b>31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Winnie Lockwood RIP For C V Pepper RIP ( Birthday)

**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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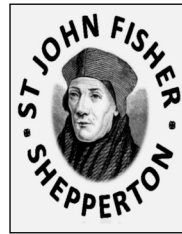
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ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Sunday 29th October 2023 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time emphasise the imperative to love and show compassion to others, especially those who are vulnerable or marginalized. In the Book of Exodus, God instructs the Israelites not to mistreat foreigners, widows, or orphans and to lend to those in need, without interest. In the Gospel of St Matthew, Jesus sums up the Law with the two greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbour.

The laws which God gave to Israel were meant to protect the vulnerable. They were meant to

alleviate suffering, and to remind the Israelites that they had also suffered and that God had rescued them. Jesus points out that the many laws were all contained in "Love God" and "Love your neighbour." This is the point of these precepts. The word used for love is "agape" which is more than just a feeling of friendship or affection. It is a love committed to action.

Both passages remind us that our ethical and spiritual responsibilities are interconnected. Loving God is closely tied to how we treat others. So we are also called to love the marginalized in our world. And we must not just love them by thinking well of them. We are called to action!

PRAY  
FOR  
PEACE

**WELCOME** to Mass today at St John Fisher, 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.

**THIS COMING WEEK'S DIARY DATES:**

The Solemnity of All Saints is on Wednesday 1st Nov. Masses are at 9.30am and 7.00pm. On All Saints' Day we remember the men and women who were servants of the Lord while here on earth. We ask that they pray for us so that one day we might join them in heaven. Please do your very best to attend Mass wherever you may be on this Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of All Souls is on Thursday 2nd Nov. Mass is at 9.30am. On this day we pray for our loved ones who have departed this earth.

**DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF NOVEMBER,**

we will remember the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends. All Souls' sheets, to list the names of your departed loved ones, are available from the back of the church to complete and return. Please put these in the basket in front of the altar from 2nd November.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** at Sunbury Cemetery is on Saturday 4th November at 12.00noon.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - A Requiem Mass for the War Dead will be celebrated on Sunday 12th Nov at 10.30am. A two minute silence will be kept at the end of the intercessory prayers. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES are now available at the back of church, for a donation to this honourable cause. We thank Bernard Troop who has organised these again for us this year.

**SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** are now available for £5, on which to add the names of your loved ones. These candles will burn in the church to the left of the lectern, from All Souls' Day, Thursday 2nd November onward and will be available for the duration of the month, whilst the stock lasts. Pick up a names label from the Repository at the church entrance today to complete and return to the office or sacristy.

**S.J.F LOTTERY BONUS BALL** The Lourdes team have a new fundraiser that anyone can get involved in – The Lottery Bonus Ball. For just £2 a week you can pick a number of your choice,

between 1 and 59, and if that number comes up as the bonus ball of the National Lottery on a Saturday evening you will win £25. We will be running this game on a 10-week rotation, so you will need to sign up for the full 10 weeks. The first rotation will begin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December so sign up quick to get your favourite number! You can sign up after the Masses or alternatively you can contact Katrina on 07921 409402.

**THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

**GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD** during the past months, many people have been struggling to make ends meet. Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. This is a good deed done. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank Please keep up the good work and help if and when you can. Many, many thanks

**GOOD NEWS!** We are delighted to report a 28% increase on attendance at Sunday Masses compared with 2022. This is excellent news, especially as there was a significant drop off after we reopened, following the pandemic. The

increase is also due to new parishioners joining us. If you are new to SJF or have recently returned, you are very welcome here. This is your church and it's great to have you with us.

**HOLY COMMUNION** can be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand and you may kneel or stand to receive. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make a throne and with hands raised to avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus, but the Body of Christ in Sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is a holy moment with the Lord himself. This is why we also proclaim "Amen" at the moment we receive Holy Communion, affirming our faith in the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion.

**AGED 18-22 YEARS OLD?** Westminster Youth Ministry is developing a training programme for Young Catholic Leaders. Discover your unique calling to build up the Church, Access unique resources to learn and grow in practical skills for leadership and mission. Be quick! Applications close on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> to apply or email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) for enquiries.

**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.

**WINTER PROGRAMMES:** First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA will be available soon.

**LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM MASS** takes place each Sunday. Children can also pick up a children's activity sheet and children's Mass book from the back of the church. Little Church is especially for youngsters who have not made their First Holy Communion i.e. children under the age of seven. Children start off in church and then go into the hall. When the youngsters have completed their own liturgy, they will return to sit with their parents.

**A PRAYER FOR ISRAEL & GAZA**  
God of peace, bearer of hope,  
we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Quiet the clamour of war  
and guide us towards peace.  
Where there is hatred and division  
sow seeds of calm and openness.  
Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.  
Where children are crying bring an end to tears.  
Shelter your peoples and protect them  
Guide them and keep them from harm.  
Show us how to break down the barriers of  
history and fear and breathe whispers of  
hope. Amen.  
*(Linda Jones /CAFOD)*

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £254.22. Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £3330.83; (£832.71 per week - weekly average for September) 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.

**PLEASE DO SUPPORT THE DOUGH SHACK**

if you can - they are supporting us! They are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code (just capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up and order.



**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**  
has been sponsored this week for the souls who have no one to pray for them.

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER**  
Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood, Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray, Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis, MaryAnge Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan, Richard Caplis, Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating, Mary Weathers, Caroline Pegley, Winifred Lockwood, Joan Colnbrook, Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons, June Ryan.  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**