

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Sun ✘ 14 Jan	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For Laura & Kevin Corneille RIP For Jean - Claude Beunel RIP
Mon 15 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 16 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Patricia's intentions
Wed 17 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Patricia, Ryan & family - special intentions
Thurs 18 Jan	Feria (Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins 18th -25th)	Mass at 9.30am (Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall)	For Antonio Turini RIP (21st anniversary)
Fri 19 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	A private intention for good health
Sat 20 Jan	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Christian Unity
Sun ✘ 21 Jan	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For K S Thomas - family intentions For the people of this parish For departed members of the Morris family 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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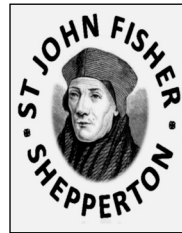
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 14th January 2024 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Weekly Newsletter -

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord at St John Fisher in Shepperton, to hear his voice and then to respond, to go where he leads?

Today, as we enter the Ordinary Season of the Year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying Speak, "Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm also underlines



this, as we, the disciples of the Lord, say together: "Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master. May the Lord continue to bless us on our journey of faith.

As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve the sacredness of human life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on life issues will inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of the most vulnerable in society. Lord hear us.



WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, or if you happen to be visiting, or you are a returning Catholic after some time away, you are very welcome. It's good to have you with us. All Masses here are live streamed, offering a valuable link with SJF, especially for those who are incapacitated through ill health - enabling them to be closer to us.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped to clear away the Christmas decorations, trees, festoon lights, and the Crib - getting the church back into the green, Ordinary Time of the year. What a tremendous effort - thank you, you are brilliant!

PANTOMIME 2024 This year's pantomime is almost ready, the team have been working tirelessly to put together a fantastic production for your enjoyment. Tickets for Hansel and Gretel are now on sale!! Performance dates are Saturday 20th January 3pm and 7.30pm, Sunday 21st at 3pm and Saturday 27th January 3pm and 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked through sjf.panto.boxoffice@gmail.com or Katrina 07921 409 402. Adults £15, Children (under 12) £5. All proceeds go to the Lourdes fund.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS in the hall are postponed for this Sunday and next Sunday: 14th & 21st January, this is due to limited access as a result of the panto stage. The toilets are still available via the outside hall door. Little Church will take place in the Sacristy.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: From 18th-25th January, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, in other Christian communities, especially those in Shepperton and the surrounding areas. We pray that one day we may be as one Church.

LENT AND EASTER fall very early this year. Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February. From next week we shall be collecting your old Palm Crosses - for burning, ready to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. Do you have any palm crosses at home? Look out for the collection basket at the back of the church next week. Thank you.

THE WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK for 2024 is now available in the Repository, last few, priced £5.00

LITTLE CHURCH at the 10.30am Mass, is now back to normal. Parents, please encourage your little ones to attend their own liturgy.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME HAS NOW BEGUN. Thank you parents, you have done a great thing by bringing your children to this important Sacrament. Please do follow your child's progress through their workbooks and encourage them to say their prayers. You are the first educators of your little ones. Help them to celebrate the wonderful gift of faith, before the world tries to teach them something else!

THE ROOF REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED and the scaffolding has gone. So far we are roof leak free! Thank you for bearing with us regarding restricted parking space, due to the scaffolding. The final cost of repair works totalled a hefty, but necessary, £8,976.00 which now includes VAT.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP burns by the tabernacle. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for an intention it's just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the office to make a donation.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY THE FLOODING LOCALLY and need help? Please let us know, we might be able to help or at least point you in the right direction.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: Burns Supper Night, Lourdes fundraiser - Saturday 24th February... more information soon.

FOOD BANK BOX: Your kind donations, can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, They go directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank. Please keep up the good work. Many thanks.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate: £258.14p
Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £966.83p per week - weekly average for November. 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.

THIS WEEKEND is your last opportunity to collect some blessed Epiphany chalk to bless your home for 2024.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF OUR HOMES:

In celebration of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are the following prayers and a piece of blessed chalk from the church, to mark the frame of your door, with the traditional initials of the Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

20 + C + M + B + 24

Each letter could be written by a different family member.

Then pray the following prayer:

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.



THE CHRISTMAS CRIB: Offerings made at the Christmas Crib totalled £152.57p a cheque will be forwarded to the Catholic Children's Society, who help families in need. Thank you so much.

WARM HUB begins in the hall next Thursday: 18th January. Thank you to our seven volunteers who will run the Hub. If you are on social media in Shepperton, do please get the word out to let others know - we are open to all and it's free!

WARM HUB

ON THURSDAYS
10.00am-11.30am



Free and open to all

No need to book - just come along

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Refreshments available

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
has been sponsored this week by Juan for private intentions.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY
Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson, Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane, Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson, Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson, Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi, Margaret Walker, Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel, Tony Hill, Frances Reynolds, Jarek Jedrzejowski.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD