

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

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
Mon 22 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 23 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Finance Committee 11.00am	For Pat, Patrick, May and Bernie Doohan RIP
Wed 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Mary Frances McKnabb RIP
Thurs 25 Jan	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall	For Aran Potkin RIP
Fri 26 Jan	St Timothy & St Titus, Bishops	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Tom and Theresa O'Malley RIP
Sat 27 Jan	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For all who perished in the Holocaust
Sun ✘ 28 Jan	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Tony Hill RIP For the people of this parish For Emily Theobalds RIP - 6th anniversary

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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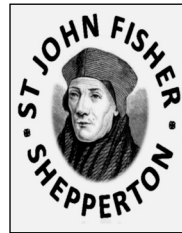
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 21st January 2024 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Weekly Newsletter -



The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to be transformed by the call of Jesus. In the first reading, Jonah hears God's call and sets off for Nineveh. Jonah's journey reminds us that our willingness to listen and respond to God, even amidst fear and hesitation, can lead to incredible outcomes beyond our imagination.

In our lives, moments of grace often come disguised as challenges or calls to change our ways. The Ninevites' response is a testament to the power of genuine repentance and a reminder that no person or community is beyond the reach of God's transforming love.

Jonah's experience also speaks to us about obedience and trust in God's plan. Often, we might feel reluctant or unqualified to undertake the tasks God sets before us.

The Gospel reading today recounts Jesus' call for repentance and the call of Simon Peter and Andrew. The immediacy with which they respond to Jesus' call is striking. They leave their nets, their father, and their livelihoods to follow Him. This scene captures the compelling nature of Jesus' invitation, an invitation extended to each of us today.

Jesus' call to become "fishers of men" is not just an invitation to discipleship but can result in a radical reorientation of our lives. For the disciples, it meant abandoning their careers and family ties to embark on an uncertain journey. For us, it might mean different sacrifices or changes – perhaps a change in lifestyle, priorities, or attitudes. The call to follow Jesus is both personal and transformative, demanding a response that is as immediate and decisive as that of the first disciples.

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.

PANTOMIME 2024 Tickets for Hansel and Gretel are still on sale!! Performance dates are Saturday 20th January 7.30pm, Sunday 21st at 3pm and Saturday 27th January 3pm and 7.30pm. Go to sjf.panto.boxoffice@gmail.com or telephone Katrina on 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, 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.

LENT AND EASTER fall very early this year. Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February. From this 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. Thank you.

LITTLE CHURCH at the 10.30am Mass. Parents, please encourage your little ones to attend their own liturgy. Help us to help you teach them the faith.

CHILDREN'S MASS CARDS AND MISSALS are available at the back of the church to help our little ones to pray and to learn the Mass. Parents please encourage your children to use these as you support them on their Christian journey.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME CONTINUES. 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 and really importantly, bring them to Holy Mass. 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!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT SJF:

The Lord has blessed you with wonderful gifts and talents - can you share them with SJF? We are looking for:

- 1) Additional money counters, to join a rota, for an hour or so, one morning per month.
- 2) Can you join a small team of fund raisers, to support our church hall refurbishment plans?
- 3) We urgently need an additional volunteer to become a Parish Safeguarding Representative for SJF. The Diocese offers full training for this.
- 4) Would you consider becoming a catechist/teacher for our First Holy Communion children? You would shadow Jean and Pir to 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 think you might be interested in any of these opportunities, please chat with us in the office. It would be wonderful to get moving on these things. What talents can you offer to SJF?

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.

ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Saturday 10th February - 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Mass at Westminster Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. To help plan for the Mass and the anointing, please request free tickets via Mandy in the office who will book them for you. Email: shepperton@rcdow.org.uk Tickets are in three categories: Wheelchair users who require anointing; Walking sick who require anointing; Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing. The deadline for ticket requests is Thursday 1st February.

HOLY CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR 2024 begins on Thursday 25th April for young people in school years 9 & 10 and who attend Mass here. Registration for the programme will open during Holy Week.

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

WARM HUB continues in the hall this coming Thursday: 25th 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!

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

HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here regularly. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding godparents are available from the church porch table.

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 collection plate: £194.66p
Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £888.77p per week - weekly average for December. 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.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Candlemas (The Presentation of the Lord) 2nd Feb
- Ash Wednesday - 14th Feb
- 1st Sunday of Lent - 18th Feb
- St Joseph - 19th March
- Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week - 24th Mar
- Maundy Thursday - 28th Mar
- Good Friday - 29th Mar
- Holy Saturday - 30th Mar
- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 31st Mar



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: The 27th January is the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future.

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 Ekel, Tony Hill, Frances Reynolds, Jarek Jedrzejowski.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD