

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

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
Mon 29 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 30 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Jarek Jedrzejowski RIP
Wed 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Daphne's intentions
Thurs 01 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall	For Eamonn Clarke - for good health
Fri 02 Feb	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)	Mass at 9.30am No Exposition & Benediction this Friday	For Margarita Day RIP (100th birthday on 1st February)
Sat 03 Feb	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops	Mass at 10.00am With blessing of throats, for the memorial of St Blaise	In thanksgiving for the 1st birthday of baby Lauryn De Melo
Sun ✘ 04 Feb	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For Dennis Hooper & Dorothy Hooper RIP For the intentions of Christine Pepper

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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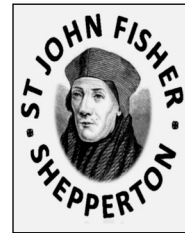
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 28th January 2024
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- Weekly Newsletter -



We are surrounded by many voices in our world claiming authority – in the media, in politics and in our own communities. How do we recognize the true prophetic voice? The key is in its alignment with the teachings of Christ and the Church, and its fruits in love, justice and peace. Embracing the prophetic voice means allowing it to challenge and transform us, leading us closer to God.

The readings for this weekend, invite us to recognize Jesus as the true prophetic voice and to grant him authority in our lives. In the first reading, Moses foretells the coming of a mighty prophet. The Gospel tells how the people were amazed by the way Jesus taught with authority.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - The prophecy of a future Prophet

Responsorial Psalm: 94 - Heeding the Lord's Voice

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 - Undivided devotion to the Lord

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28: The Lord's authority over spirits.



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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.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS in the hall, are resuming this weekend, following the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please enter via the outside hall door. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD falls this coming Friday. The Feast is also known as 'Candlemas' and commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, forty days after the birth of Jesus and the ritual presentation of Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. Candlemas comes from our solemn blessing of candles which are used in church and in our homes during the year. We hold these candles in our hands to honour Christ, who is the true light of the world. If you have any new candles at home which you would like to be blessed, just bring them with you to Mass on Friday at 9.30am. Usually the blessing of candles takes place at the back of the church. As we now have live streaming at the Mass, the Blessing will take place with the priest at the front of the church, so that all can see.

CONES! Have you noticed cones by the boundary wall opposite the hall entrance? The wall has been damaged with some force, probably with a car or van. The wall is now unstable and needs to be partially rebuilt. Please do not move the cones.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE: we are currently updating safeguarding certificates for our volunteers who help at SJF with children on our sacramental programmes, in Little Church and for those who come into contact with our children including our sacristans. If your DBS is due to be updated (including those who take Holy Communion to people at home), you will have received renewal forms via email last Wednesday, from Mandy in our church office. It's really important to return these asap to the office. Please check your spam or contact us if you have

not received an email and think that you should have received one. Thank you.

THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME Thank you parents, for bringing your children to this important Sacrament. Please do follow your child's progress through their workbooks and ensure they complete their homework each week. 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!

ADVICE ON ENERGY BILLS National Energy Action's Warm and Safe Homes (WASH) Advice Service is a free support service providing advice and help to householders in England and Wales on their energy bills and keeping warm and safe in their home. They can also help with benefits advice and income maximisation. Information and advice are available via their website, <https://www.nea.org.uk/get-help/> and their dedicated helpline 0800 304 7159 (BSL interpreters available).

WORK FOR CARITAS WESTMINSTER Caritas Westminster is recruiting an office manager and PA to work full time. Find the details here: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/office-manager-pa-caritas/>

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR ALREADY... when we ask you to return any palm crosses that you may not want to keep. These will be burned to make the ash for use on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Look out for the basket to return your Palms.

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.

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

PLEASE, IT'S A KINDNESS when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for other parishioners coming to the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. A waste bin is

available for any rubbish in the entrance, near to the card reader. Thank you.

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 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.

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.

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

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: £270.31p
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.

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

WARM HUB
ON THURSDAYS
10.00am - 11.30am



Free and open to all

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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
Janet Sherman-Clark RIP
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