

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

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| 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 |
| Mon 05 Feb | St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr | No Mass at SJF | |
| Tue 06 Feb | St Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs | Mass at 9.30am | Available for your Mass intention |
| Wed 07 Feb | Feria | Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass | For little Francis Paul Joseph, for healing |
| Thurs 08 Feb | Feria | Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall | For Nora Harris RIP |
| Fri 09 Feb | Feria | Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass | Available for your Mass intention |
| Sat 10 Feb | St Scholastica, Virgin | Mass at 10.00am | For the sick and housebound in our parish |
| Sun ✘ 11 Feb | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass | For the people of this parish For the people of this parish For Mario Coppi 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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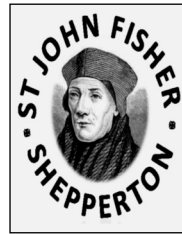
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Weekday Readings
Ordinary Time
Week 5 Year 2

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 4th February 2024 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Weekly Newsletter -

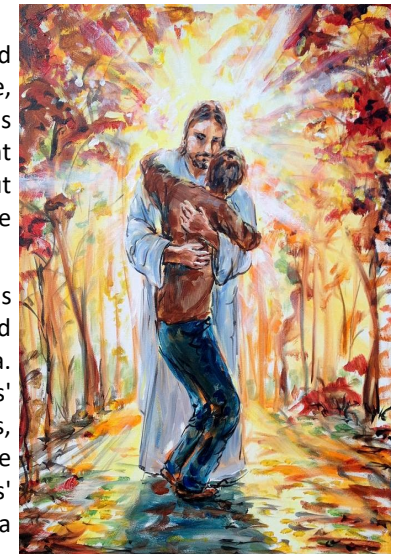


The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time cause us to reflect on Jesus' power to heal us, both physically and spiritually.

In the first reading, Job laments that he is experiencing so much misery and despair. But the psalm reminds us to "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted."

St Paul's reflections in the second reading, on his role as an Apostle, underscore the themes of selfless service and sacrifice. His commitment to preaching the Gospel without seeking personal gain highlights the Christian call to serve others.

The Gospel tells how Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law, freed those possessed by demons, and preached in the area. The Gospel reading showcases Jesus' authority over illness and evil forces, underlining the theme of the transformative power present in Jesus' ministry. It shows the inauguration of a new era of divine action in the world.



Our parish QR code. To open, use your smartphone

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 are available in the hall, following the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please enter via the outside hall door. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE CONES HAVE DISAPPEARED ... and the damaged wall has been repaired. Enormous thanks to Gerry O'Malley who has made an excellent job with the repair. Thank you Gerry!

CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Blackford and Joseph McMahon who celebrated the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony here, at St John Fisher, last Wednesday. It was a really beautiful Wedding Mass. Many thanks to Jean, Carol and Hilda who decorated the church so beautifully with their time and talent. Thanks also to Daphne and Ken, Sacristans, who prepared everything for the both the morning Mass and Nuptial Mass so thoroughly. You are all wonderful, thank you.

BURNS SUPPER NIGHT: Saturday 24th February in the Church Hall at 7.00pm. An evening not to be missed, good entertainment and a traditional Two course Burns Night Supper with a whiskey toast included. Tickets on sale now £20.00 after each Sat Evening and Sunday Mass. This is a charity evening in aid of the SJF Lourdes Funds.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL The next 10-week cycle of the Lottery Bonus Ball will begin on the 10th February and a few numbers have become available. The cost for the 10 weeks is £20, but each week you have the opportunity to win £25, if your lucky number comes up. All profits go towards the SJF Lourdes fund. If you would like to join in, please contact Katrina as soon as possible on 07921 409402.

OUR CHURCH is cleaned and looked after by volunteer parishioners, so please help them to keep our church clean and welcoming. When

Mass has concluded, please 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 for your assistance.

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.

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 a week ago, from Mandy in our church office. It's most 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.

NEXT WEEKEND WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY 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 at the back of church to return your Palms.

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 on their energy bills and keeping warm and safe at home. They can also help with benefits advice and income. 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).

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

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/>

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.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the collection plate: £318.76p
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:

- Ash Wednesday - 14th February
- 1st Sunday of Lent - 18th February
- St Joseph - 19th March
- Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week - 24th March
- Maundy Thursday - 28th March
- Good Friday - 29th March
- Holy Saturday - 30th March
- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 31st March

LIKE PIZZA? YOU'LL LOVE THE DOUGH SHACK 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.



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.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD

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 FEBRUARY
Canon George Groves, Peter Madyslam, Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael Groarke, Mary Pitfield, Fr Ron Aylward, Bernard Bunce, Nora Harris, Raymond Restel, Anne Quinn, Terry Sharratt, Brenda Jones, Patrick Harris, Barbara Hughes, Stephen Marriage, Samuel William Elliott, Susan Jane Connerty-Smith.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD