

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

Sun ✘ 11 Feb	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Stephen Marriage RIP 4th anniversary For the people of this parish For Mario Coppi RIP
Mon 12 Feb	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 13 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our children and young people on half term holiday
Wed 14 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY ✚ (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after morning Mass Mass at 7.00pm	For Aline Waller RIP For the people of this parish
Thurs 15 Feb	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall	Available for your Mass intention - please contact the office
Fri 16 Feb	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Norma Doohan RIP 10th anniversary
Sat 17 Feb	Lent Feria	Mass at 10.00am	Available for your Mass intention - please contact the office
Sun ✘ 18 Feb	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Anne Harris RIP & Patrick Harris RIP For the people of this parish For Kathleen Montgomery RIP 4th 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

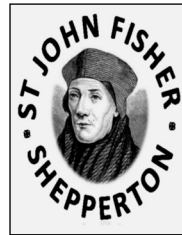
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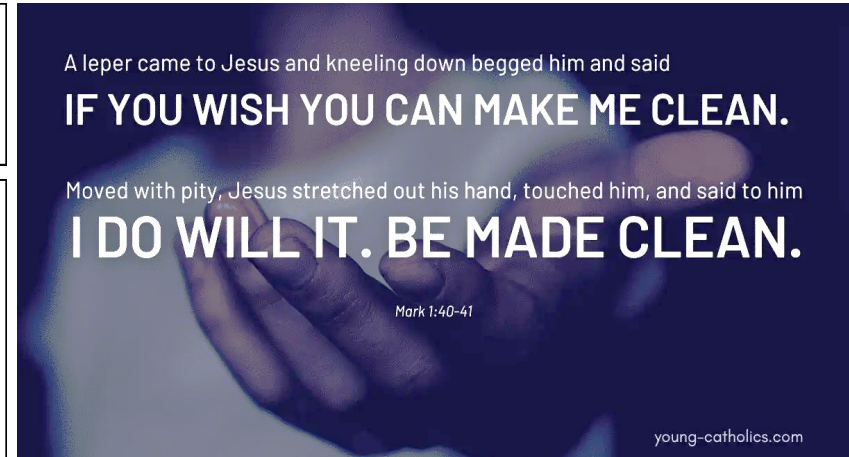


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And Lent

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 11th February 2024 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Weekly Newsletter -



In the Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 1:40-45, we witness a profound moment where Jesus, moved by compassion, heals a man afflicted with leprosy. This encounter isn't just a miraculous healing; it's a testament to Jesus' radical approach to love and inclusion. By reaching out to touch the leper, Jesus breaks societal norms and religious laws that dictate purity.

This act is revolutionary, signifying that no person is beyond the reach of God's love. Jesus' willingness to become "unclean" to restore another's health and dignity challenges us to reconsider our own attitudes towards the marginalized and the outcast in our society. It invites us to ask ourselves: Are we willing to extend our hands and hearts, even if it means crossing the boundaries of our comfort zones?

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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.



ASH WEDNESDAY is on 14th Feb and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is also a day of abstinence from meat and fasting for those in good health, from 18 years, up to the age of retirement. 1 regular meal and 2 smaller plates of food are permitted. Masses with the imposition of ashes for all, will be at 9.30am & 7.00pm. Please let others know who might not be at Mass this weekend. We look forward to seeing you. From Wednesday onward, as Lent begins, the Church moves into a different mood, with the hanging of purple banners, the removal of flowers and a change in the Gospel acclamation. We save the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria*, the flowers and brighter vestments and hangings for the celebrations at Easter. In this way we start to be guided on our journey through Lent and helped to examine our lives in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We are reminded that Lent is not just about what we give up, it's about who we become!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm in church, starting Friday 23rd February.

THE CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY will be on Friday 23rd February. Envelopes and prayer cards are available this weekend. Thank you.

GREAT NEWS: we have been successful in applying to Caritas Westminster for funding for the Warm Hub on Thursday mornings. We have been awarded £1,200. This will help enormously, not least in assisting us with heating costs. We are very grateful to Caritas, Sister Silvana and Westminster Diocese for placing their confidence in us.

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 Fund.

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.

GREMLINS IN THE WORKS Apologies, the Card Machine, at some point last weekend stopped working. Please let us know if it malfunctions whilst you are using it, so that it can be restarted. Additionally, if you are unsure how to make an offering /donation for SJF by tapping your smart phone or bank card, just ask. Many thanks as always for your kindness

LOTTERY BONUS BALL The next 10-week cycle of the Lottery Bonus Ball began on the 10th February and a few numbers may still be 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. Please keep an eye on this Weekly Newsletter for updates.

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 .

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.

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.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the collection plate: £312.85p
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
First Reconciliation (FHC children) 24th 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
First Holy Communion Mass 4th May (11.00am)

WARM HUB ON THURSDAYS 10.00am-11.30am



Free and open to all

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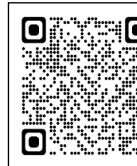
No need to book - just come along

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Refreshments available

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 or call direct on 0203 488 3470



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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week by Juan for private intentions.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Alan Cook RIP

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.

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