THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 16 June	**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** DAY FOR LIFE	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Sherry Beach - a speedy recovery 25th anniversary of Peggy Johnstone RIP & 1st anniversary of Julian Rugseth RIP
Mon 17 June	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 18 June	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 19 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Thurs 20 June	St Alban, Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Fri 21 June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Sat 22 June	ST JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & ST THOMAS MORE, Martyrs	Mass at 10.00am	For Pauline Lynch RIP anniversary
Sun ✠ 23 June	**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **THANKSGIVING MASS**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Henrietta Sawbridge RIP - 1st anniversary For our Parish and for our First Holy Communion children

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 Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

✠ = Holy Day of Obligation

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Sunday cycle Readings Year B
11th Sunday in OT
Weekday Readings Year 2 - Wk 11
Divine Office Wk 3

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 16th June 2024
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



HOW DOES A TREE GROW? Scientists can give us some answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety, is exactly that, a miracle. God is the Creator, responsible for the miracle of nature and growth - how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of God.



WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US



THANK YOU for all who supported our young people last week, as they received the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. It was a wonderful evening. Thanks also to our Confirmation Catechists (teachers) Diane and Kim, who voluntarily gave their time and talents to support our young people on their continued journey in the faith. Please keep them all in your prayers: Benjamin, Elena, Isabella, James, Liam, Lucy, Richard and Thomas. And our Catechists Diane & Kim.

ON TUESDAY THIS WEEK there will be no Mass at 9.30am.Fr Shaun will be at Westminster Cathedral with the clergy of the Diocese, for the Episcopal Ordination of Mgr. Jim Curry. Please keep Mgr. Jim in your prayers at this time.

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT - HALL RENOVATION FUNDRAISER Saturday 22nd June 7.30pm. 40+ people have confirmed they are coming so far. It will be a great evening so don't miss out! Admission is FREE; but as it's a fundraiser, we encourage generosity by cash or card on the night which can even be Gift Aided. The sign up list is at the back of the church. Chris Smyth will be on hand at all the Masses on 15th/16th June to issue tickets. A Bar will be available on the night or you can BYO. Raffle prizes – if you would like to donate a bottle or other suitable items, they would be much appreciated. Just drop them into the office. Looking forward to entertaining you, but don't forget to sign up quick! Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY 23RD JUNE AT 10.30AM will be a Mass of thanksgiving for our First Holy Communion children. Additionally, it will be a celebration of our Church Patron: St John Fisher. There will be a party in the hall afterwards. Please come! And if you can, bring a sharing plate of food to continue the celebrations. All are very welcome.

ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Sunbury are looking to appoint a class teacher from September. Please contact the school or refer to their website for further details.

HOW ARE YOUR COUNTING SKILLS? We are looking for more volunteer counters to join our wonderful counting teams who count the weekend collection money on Wednesday mornings. We have four counting pairs; with more counters your turn could come around every 5 or 6 weeks. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please speak with Fr Shaun.

THEO MORRIS RIP was a long-term, member of St John Fisher, attending the Sunday 8.30am Mass. His Funeral Mass will take place here on Wednesday 17th July at 11.30am Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife and family, who feel the rawness of grief at this time. Go forth Christian soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS: Listen carefully to the Gospel reading which Father Shaun reads today. He talks about things called parables.
Jesus uses parables when talking to the people. Parables are stories about things on earth that tell us something about the things of Heaven. Parables help us understand what Jesus wants us to know. The parables we will hear now are about something very tiny - seeds.
Most seeds are small, but the mustard seed is super small; it's about the size of a tiny dot on a sheet of paper. What Jesus is saying is that although seeds are small, they can grow into something big and important.
In the first parable, the seeds planted grew into a healthy crop of grain, but it took many days and nights. In the second parable, the mustard seed grew into a tree. But this, too, took time. When things take a long time to happen, we have to be patient. We have to have faith. God wants us to know, that if we live as Jesus asks us to, we can look forward to happiness with God in the Kingdom of Heaven.
One final thing… have you ever noticed how Father Shaun and the congregation all make the Sign of the Cross three times, when the Gospel is announced? We are saying that we will keep the words of the Gospel in our minds, in how we think, on our lips, in what we say and in our hearts - in how we feel. How brilliant is that! What a wonderful way to remember the Good News of Jesus.

A NEW LECTIONARY FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - COMING FOR ADVENT 2024 UPDATE
We can get a discount of 10% if we pre-order Sunday Missals and Weekday Missals, before the end of June. If you would like to order your copy through the church, please add your name to the list in the Repository Shop. We don't need any payment just yet. Sunday Missals will be dispatched in October (April 2025 for the Weekday Missal).

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 (capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up

LITTLE CHURCH IS AT THE 10.30AM MASS. There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our children. Parents, please assist your little ones in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grow in confidence and in their faith.

THE DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER 'LOVE IN ACTION' VOLUNTEERING AWARDS ARE BACK! Nominations close on 30th June. To nominate a volunteer or volunteer team and for more info' visit www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/awards or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk or check the poster and flyers on display.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. It is heart warming to see the food bin filled up each weekend. You are extraordinarily generous.

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

LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More: Saturday 22nd June: Mass at 10.00am.
First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass and celebration of our Patronal Feast Day of St John Fisher at 10.30am Sunday 23rd June
St Peter & St Paul: Sunday 30th June

ALL REGULAR MASSES AT SJF are live streamed via YouTube for those who are incapacitated by ill health. If you would like a Mass offered for your own intentions, or for the repose of the soul, or for a birthday or in thanksgiving, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All your offerings directly support SJF. You can arrange your date via Mandy, in the office.

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass - in the church hall. You will be most welcome. The hall & access to the toilets is via the outside door, along the side of the church.

DAY FOR LIFE This Sunday the Diocese celebrates the Day for Life. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. The Bishops' Conference has a dedicated section of their website on this topic.
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/
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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
Jean Johnston - private intentions

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Theo Morris RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUNE
William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson,
Neville Grose, John Butterworth,
Ann Llewellyn, Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien,
Albert Sawyer, Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook,
Eileen Kelly, Reginald Snell, Bernadette Pepper,
Louis James Rogers (toddler)
Tom Bermingham, David Boyce, Julian Rugseth,
Peggy Johnstone.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD