THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 24 June	**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 25 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Wed 26 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Thurs 27 June	St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr (Diocesan)	Mass at 9.30am	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Fri 28 June	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition & Benediction follows Mass**	*This Mass is available for your intentions - just ask at the office*
Sat 29 June	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00 noon**	For Con Martin - in celebration of his 90th Birthday
Sun ✠ 30 June	**ST PETER and ST PAUL, Apostles**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Dave Joslyn RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Theresa Aherne & Sheelagh Horne RIP - anniversaries

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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TO MAKE A DONATION or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 23rd June 2024
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



In some ways the most surprising moment in this week's Gospel is the image of Jesus, fast asleep on a cushion in the midst of a sudden and terrifying storm! His calm in the midst of chaos seems almost too dramatic. But this is the point of the story, emphasized by his words to the others in the boat, when he asks, "How is it that you have no faith?" Faith is not about the lovely pleasure boat ride on the sunny peaceful lake, but clinging to the gunwales, (the planking on the side of a boat), in the terror of a storm. We interpret this as symbolic of the journey of our lives, which can be rocked by sudden storms – tragedy, loss, anxiety, illness: we have to hear the voice of Jesus, who is in the boat with us, who shares anxiety and loss with us, so that he can say to us, "Quiet now! Be calm!"

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:

Can you remember a time when you were worried about something, perhaps about a test at school, or something that happened to a friend, or a news story on TV? Who do you talk to when you feel sad? When we talk to our friends, parents, brothers and sisters, it helps because we know we are not alone.

The friends of Jesus today were worried about the storm, but Jesus wasn't worried, he kept on sleeping - until he calmed the storm! Like the disciples, we can share our worries and concerns with Jesus. Jesus can help us see our worries from a different perspective. He can help us face our worries with faith in his love and protection for us. Think about one thing you are concerned about today and say a prayer to Jesus about it. Remember that Jesus is your friend and will always be with you.

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

A NEWLY ORDAINED BISHOP FOR WESTMINSTER - BISHOP JAMES CURRY



Bishop James Curry was born in east London in 1960 and attended Cardinal Griffin/St Philip Howard School in Poplar. He studied for the priesthood at the Diocese of Westminster's Seminary, Allen Hall, before being ordained priest by Cardinal Basil Hume on 17th May 1986. He was awarded his theology degree STB (magna cum laude) by the University of Leuven in 1993.

His first post in the diocese was to serve as Assistant Priest at the Church of The Most Precious Blood and St Edmund in Edmonton from 1986-90, before moving to St Francis of Assisi, Notting Hill, from 1990-94. Bishop Curry was Private Secretary to Cardinal Hume and Cardinal Murphy O'Connor from 1994-2002. In 2001, he was appointed Chaplain to His Holiness with the title Monsignor, before returning to parish life in 2002 when he commenced a six-year tenure as Parish Priest of Chiswick. Since 2008 he has served as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington. He has held a number of key positions for the Diocese of Westminster: Chair of the Council of Priests from 2012 and Episcopal Vicar for the West London pastoral area (2013-16), Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London (2020-21) Prior of the Westminster Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre KCHS Trustee of the Friends of the Holy Land and Pilgrimage People. Please keep Bishop James in your prayers at this time.

THANK YOU - to all who supported our Saturday Night is Music Night Renovation Fundraiser. Thank you to our musicians, singers, all involved in the logistics of putting on the event, and not least to Chris Smyth and to all who supported the event with their presence. It was a great night and will add much needed funds to our hall renovation. We will publish the total amount raised in next week's newsletter. Thank you - you are brilliant!

WE WELCOME Our First Holy Communion Classes of 2024 to the 10.30am Mass of Thanksgiving. There will be a party in the hall afterwards. Please come! Everyone is very welcome.

WE ARE STILL 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 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 Sheena 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.

LAST CALL - A NEW LECTIONARY FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - COMING FOR ADVENT 2024
We can get a discount of 10% if we pre-order Sunday Missals and Daily 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 Daily Missal). We will be placing our order this week.

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 USUALLY AT THE 10.30AM MASS. There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our older children, who remain in church for the duration of the Mass. Parents, please assist your children in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grow in confidence and in faith and is great preparation, giving them a head - start for receiving the Sacraments of the Church, when they are old enough.

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates available especially for weekday Mass requests. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact Mandy in the office. (Wednesday and Thursday mornings). The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

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.



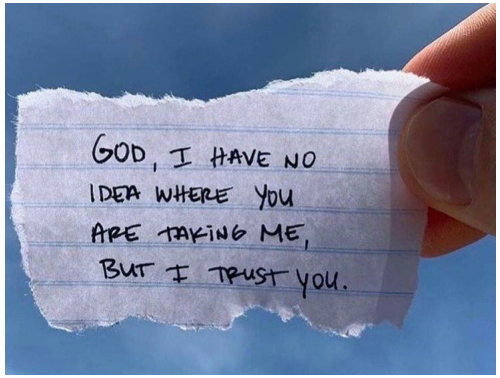
ALL REGULAR MASSES AT SJF are live streamed via YouTube for those who are incapacitated by ill health.

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.

THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS has declared that from Advent 2024 the new liturgical year will be a Year of Jubilee, titled *Jubilee 25 - Pilgrims of Hope.* We shall hear more about the Jubilee over the coming months.

LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
ST PETER & ST PAUL: Sunday 30th June
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Thursday 15th August

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Weekend loose money collections: £233.00
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £902.33p per week during May. Our weekend loose money offertory collection is really important and continues for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine or give on-line. Please assist the collectors, by passing the collection bags down the bench (pew) when handed to you. Your donations support absolutely everything we do here. We are self supporting, with no other assistance from the Diocese (or government except for Gift Aid), so whatever way you support the work we do here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without you.



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for the repose of the soul of Julian Rugseth RIP
at this time of his first anniversary.

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