THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 01 Sept	**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maureen Henderson - in thanksgiving Pro Populo for the people of the Parish For Valentina & Enis with peace & gratitude from your Vietnamese family.
Mon 02 Sept	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 03 Sept	ST GREGORY THE GREAT POPE & DOCTOR	Mass at 9.30am	For David Andrews RIP
Wed 04 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Maria Ap. Modena - Speedy recovery
Thurs 05 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	*This Mass is available for your intentions - to reserve, just ask Mandy in the office*
Fri 06 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition & Benediction follows Mass**	For the Hall Renovation Project - for our funders and all involved.
Sat 07 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00 noon**	*This Mass is available for your intentions - to reserve, just ask Mandy in the office*
Sun ✠ 08 Sept	**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo for the people of the Parish For Philip Nash RIP For Pauline Fanti - 80th Birthday

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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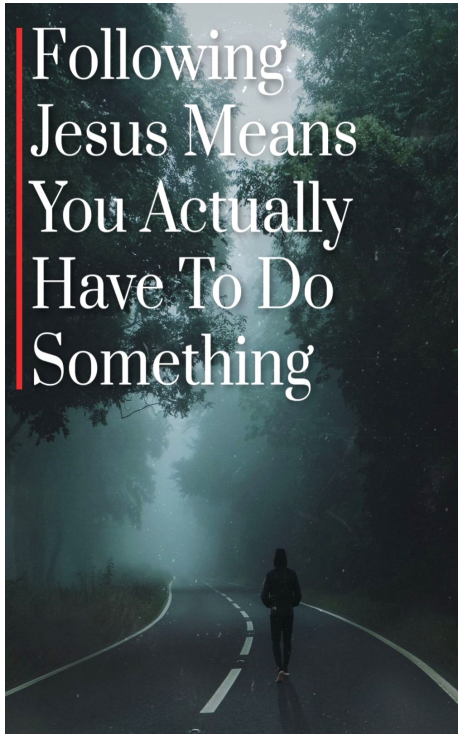
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 1st September 2024
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
As Moses prepares to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, he reminds them of the true purpose of God's commandments. By obeying God's law, the people will live in harmony with him and with each other. The Commandments and God's law of love are to be cherished and obeyed by all believers. We do not pick and choose which commands are easy for us to follow. Out of love, we observe the whole law that God has given us.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Saint James reminds us in his letter that we are to be doers of the word, not just hearers. Those who take the word of God to heart and act on it will care for orphans and widows, the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the sick. True worship is not a matter of simply going to Mass or saying prayers. It is a matter of acting on the word that has been planted in us by God.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
In today's gospel story, Jesus accuses the religious leaders of being hypocrites. They act as though they are speaking for God but they are really speaking about what matters to them. Jesus points out that they are more concerned about pious practices than they are about God's commandments. They criticised Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before eating. But they showed no interest in the goodness of the disciples' hearts. A good heart will not produce evil actions. Nor will washing our hands make us clean inside - where it really counts.



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

ALL REGULAR MASSES AT SJF are live streamed via *YouTube* for those who are incapacitated by ill health, or away and want to keep up to date with SJF. Just go to *You Tube* and type in the search box:' St John Fisher Shepperton' And of course, we always look forward to seeing you at Mass in person.



SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH … devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's seven sorrows would bring great graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Marys whilst also meditating on the seven sorrows of Mary which are:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Lk. 2:34-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Mt. 2:13-21)
3. The loss of Jesus for three days (Lk. 2:41-50)
4. The carrying of the cross (Jn. 19:17)
5. The crucifixion of Jesus (Jn. 19:18-30)
6. Jesus taken down from the cross (Jn. 19:39-40)
7. Jesus laid in the tomb (Jn. 19:39-42)

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son, as he gave his life to save the world, feeling the sorrow of his passion and death as only a mother can. This devotion is offered during Lent, but especially during September when we would usually keep the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on the 15th - the day after the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

YOU ARE REALLY HELPING: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our FOOD BANK BOX, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support at this time. Thank you for your continuing kindness to those in need.

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 including the requirement for Catholic godparents are available from the church porch table.

LOOKING AHEAD: Usually in January we begin the First Holy Communion Programme for our children. This year, having guided our children with great kindness and care over many years, Jean and Pir stepped down from teaching. I made a request in preparation a year ago for new catechists but without success. So we are now in a tight situation. If you are a parent of a child who has made their FHC, you will know how important our catechists are and how important our FHC programme is. Could you consider becoming a catechist/teacher yourself? We need two people parents or otherwise. If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat. We can offer you bags of support and encouragement. Thank you. Fr Shaun

MARCH FOR LIFE - SAT 7TH SEPTEMBER. Join with Bishop John Sherrington. Morning events 10.00 - 1.00pm, Emmanuel Centre Marsham Street SW1P 3NT. Catholic Mass at 11.00am - St George's Cathedral, Southwark. SE1 7HY. The March begins 1.30pm-4.00pm leaving from the Emmanuel Centre and finishing at Parliament Square. Why? Because pregnancy isn't a disease and because unborn children are a blessing not to be disposed of.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week,
For those who are sick in our parish.
May the Lord be close to them at this time.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Jill Lincoln RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER
Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw, Clive Ross, Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross, Michael O' Reilly, Sheila Thompson, Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney, Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September 2024 at Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, London, HA8 0HQ. Find out more here wwme.org.uk

EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting with Mass at 12:30pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as homilies from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced, will also be present.

THE CAR PARK is looking a little worse for wear, with the weeds getting the upper hand over the summer months. If you have an hour to spare, please let me know so that we can get a small group together to get cracking. Thank you
Fr Shaun.

LITTLE CHURCH is on a holiday break and will resume next Sunday 8th September. Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, continue to be available for our youngsters for Mass. Pick them up from the back of the church.

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, wedding anniversary, 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. Important : if you are making a written request with an envelope posted or given to Fr Shaun at Mass, please add your name and contact details so we can advise when the Mass will be offered.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK Our weekend loose money offertory collection is really important and continues for those who do not use a bank standing order, use the card machine or make your offering on-line. Please assist the collectors, by passing the collection bags down the bench (pew) when handed to you. SJF is self supporting, with no other assistance from the Diocese (or government except for Gift Aid), Your kind donations support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without you. Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £223.35. Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £1,025.83 per week during July. Thank you, you are brilliant!

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.

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.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - OPEN EVENTS
For Admission to Year 7 in 2025 **Open Mornings:**
Thursday 26th September, 3rd Oct & 10th Oct
Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am
No appointment necessary **Open Evening:**
Thursday 26th September from 5.30pm -7.30pm
Headteacher Address at 5.45pm & 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening: Admission to Year 12 in 2025 Wednesday 2nd Oct from 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

TABLE AMNESTY: From time to time parishioners have asked to borrow some of the long tables in use in the hall. If you still happen to have a borrowed table lurking in your garage or shed it would be great for us to get it back. There is a possibility of these being refurbished rather than us buying new (we are checking costs). This being the case, it would be better for us to refurb' them all, at the same time. Thank you.