THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 16 Feb	**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Margaret Hobbs RIP For Mandy Mollentze RIP
Mon 17 Feb	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 18 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our building works
Wed 19 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Francis and Orlando - for healing
Thurs 20 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	*Available for your intentions - ask in the office*
Fri 21 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition and Benediction follows Mass	For Marcelle Espallac RIP and for Marie Rose Lacube RIP
Sat 22 Feb	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism 12.00 noon	For Luce Nikolla RIP
Sun ✠ 23 Feb	**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish For William Diekmann RIP anniversary For Kathleen Montgomery RIP and for Michael Collins RIP (brother & sister)

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
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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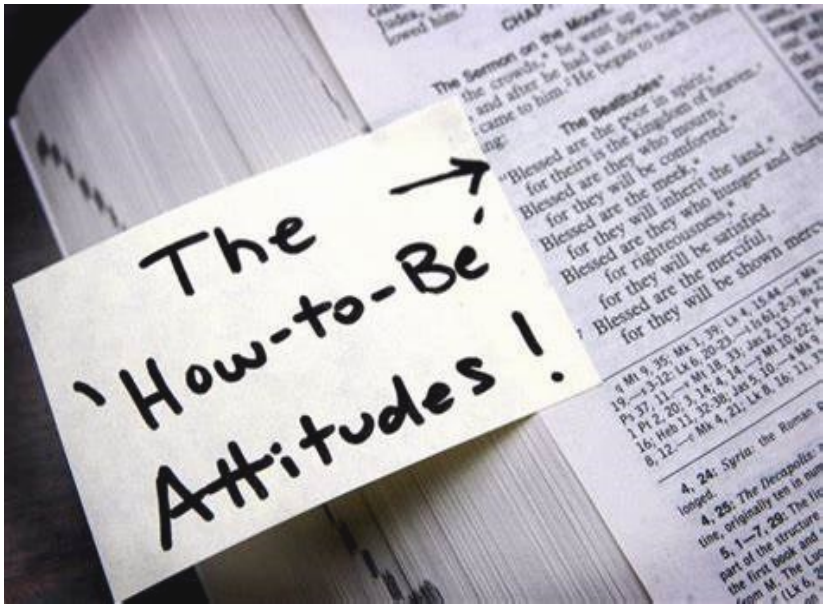
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 16th February 2025
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- Weekly Newsletter -



The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time are all about being blessed, which might also be translated as happy or lucky. The gospel reading is from the Sermon on the Plain in the Gospel of Luke. The Beatitudes given in this gospel include both blessings and woes.

In the first reading we hear that those who trust in God are blessed and will bear fruit. In the second reading Paul reminds us that our hope is in the Risen Christ. In the gospel Jesus turns upside down the notion of what it means to be blessed by giving us the Beatitudes.

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

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 for those who are incapacitated and unable to get to Mass. If you are unwell, just go to *You Tube* and type in the search box: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. But as always we enjoy having you with us here in person.

THE HALL REFURB' BEGINS this coming Monday 17th February. The sacristy will be temporarily relocated to the Newman Room at the back of the church. Servers will also get ready for Mass in this space. The car park will still be available, but be aware of fenced off areas. There will be no toilets available from Monday. Over the coming weeks you may see some drainage works outside - this will be to accommodate the new toilets. As the hall will be a building site, entry to the hall and sacristy from Monday will not be possible until after the hall is handed back to us by the contractors on completion. More updates next week, but for the time being, please do keep our contractors and the renovation works in your prayers.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN … Ash Wednesday falls on 5th March. We are now collecting your old Palm Crosses - for burning, ready to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. Do you have any palm crosses at home? The collection basket is at the back of the church. Thank you.

GET INTO TEACHING: Are you thinking about becoming a teacher? Discover how at our *'Get into Teaching'* event on: Monday 17th March 2025 at St Paul's Catholic College, Manor Lane, Sunbury on Thames, Surrey, TW16 6JE. To reserve a place: Email: **teach@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk** for further information please contact Mrs Angelina Daniel: Email: adaniel@st-uls.surrey.sch.uk Tel: 01932 783811 Ext 127

IF YOU ATTEND A WEEKDAY MASS on a regular basis and would like to read, please do let Daphne know. We are very short of readers, having lost a number of readers to ill health or having moved away from the area. Many thanks. Fr Shaun

KEEPING THE FAITH! Life is both busy and challenging. Our strength so often comes from our practice of the faith, but getting to Mass on Sundays, the Day of Resurrection, our Holy Day of Obligation can be difficult. If you can't make your usual Mass time, why not think about coming to one of the other Sunday Masses - we are fortunate to have three Masses to choose from: Sat Vigil for Sunday at 5.00pm, Sunday at 8.30am and Sunday at 10.30pm. It's great when you are here, but you are missed you when you are not.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025: Friday 7th March at 11.00am at St Andrew's Baptist Church in Upper Halliford. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. Refreshments after the service. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service of prayer & worship.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st March (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/** or **https://eventcatholic.com/**

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage. Please give our church office your details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). We will then arrange for your invitations to be sent.

WESTMINSTER WAY PILGRIM WALK
Available online are resources to walk the 'Westminster Way', including a Leader's Guide and Pilgrim Passport. This pathway takes pilgrims through Central London, in the steps of the saints as 'beacons of hope'. Starting at English Martyrs, Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral, pilgrims are invited to look closely at different expressions of sainthood and the saints who embody them. Find out more at https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS. *HAPPY HALF TERM!* The hall refurbishment, begins on Monday, so this Sunday will be the last Little Church until after the works have been completed. Please encourage your children to use the Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals during the Mass. Thank you.

HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: It may be helpful to know that the Mass bookings for Sundays are booked up months in advance and therefore if you require a specific date in the year, you may want to consider speaking to Mandy in the office (Wednesday and Thursday mornings), asap. Weekday Masses are much easier to book. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford. It's helpful, if you are making a written request with an envelope posted or given to Fr Shaun at Mass, to please add your name and contact details so we can advise when the Mass will be offered.

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.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS The Diocese of Westminster welcomes very warmly



the news that Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Francis in Rome on 27th April. Blessed Carlo's bonds with Westminster run deep. Born at the Portland Clinic in 1991, he was baptised in Our Lady of Dolours, Fulham Road. His grandparents, Carlo Acutis and Maria Perlowska, were married in Westminster Cathedral in 1963.
Carlo used to describe the Eucharist as a 'highway to heaven'. 'The more we receive Jesus,' he used to say, ' the more we become like Jesus.' Carlo is an inspiration not only to the young but to all generations in his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. But the young have, quite rightly, a special claim on him. For he will be the first millennial saint to be canonised. He is of their generation and era. He was only fifteen when he died. A genius with the computer, he harnessed this new technology to the creation of a remarkable website which presents Eucharistic miracles from across the globe. There is something deeply fitting about Pope Francis' choice to canonise Carlo during the Jubilee of Teenagers next April, in St Peter's Square, Rome. Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us. **Please take home with you a Blessed Carlo Acutis Prayer Card** available from the back of the church.

COLLECTIONS AT MASS: Loose giving in the plate last weekend was £226.55 Our weekend loose offertory collection continues for all who do not use a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. The January total collections, including Standing Orders and card machine giving totalled £917.71 weekly. Whatever way you support our work here at SJF, thankyou so much, we couldn't do it without you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Wednesday 5th March: ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm — Lent begins
Saturday 8th March: First Reconciliation: 12.00 noon. (For First Holy Communion Children)
Sunday 9th March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

IF YOU LIKE PIZZA , you'll love the Dough Shack. They are based directly outside the church every Wednesday and will cook your favourite pizza in minutes, whilst you wait. Give them a try. Their menu and prices can be found on the QR code above. Just scan it with your mobile phone.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for the
repose of the soul of Mandy Mollentze RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
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, Alan Cook, Arthur "Ken" Johnson.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD