THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 30 Aug	**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Angela Grittani RIP & Vincenzo Gobeo RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Margaret O'Shea RIP
Mon 31 Aug	Feria (Bank Holiday)	No Mass today	
Tue 01 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	For Nancy Reilly RIP
Wed 02 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	*For Dinsdale Lakshman Nugawela RIP
Thurs 03 Sept	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	For Michael Witt RIP
Fri 04 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For the intentions of Ben , Laura, Dominic & Alex
Sat 05 Sept	Feria	No morning Mass	
Sun ✠ 06 Sept	**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Natasha & Michael Brown - Silver wedding anniversary. Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish

Mass intentions with * are offered for parishioners at St George, Sudbury - with our thanks

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION follows Mass on Fridays**.**
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
PRAYER REQUEST BOX: at the back of the church.
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 22 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 2



A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong and he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is.

Jesus the Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did.

Jesus' disciples were well aware what a cross meant. It was an agonizing, torturous death. So it is not surprising that Peter did not want Jesus to take up his cross. Who would want that for someone they love? But Jesus is looking at it differently. It is an unflinching march to do the Father's will. It is an act which will transform suffering and even death forever. Anyone can wear a cross - but can you bear one?



Happy Sunday!

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF it is great to have you with us here today. If you are visiting or have recently moved to the area welcome! Just so that you know**,** Masses here are live streamed via YouTube, offering a valuable link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through distance or ill health.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Arthur Adrian Harmer who received the beautiful initiation Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We keep baby Arthur in our prayers and pray for his parents who have set him on a wonderful adventure of faith.

REGISTRATION DETAILS and dates for the next First Holy Communion programme - Class of 2027 are coming soon! Please note weekly classes will be held on Thursdays 5.00 - 6.15pm not Tuesdays as in previous years.

SHARE YOUR LOURDES STORY: Have you been on the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Pilgrims are invited to contribute a story, memory or reflection (up to 600 words) for *Inspired by Lourdes*, a book celebrating the pilgrimage and marking 170 years since the Lourdes apparitions. Funds raised from book sales will support a bursary for volunteers and Assisted Pilgrims. Young people under 18 are also invited to design the book cover. The deadline for all submissions is Christmas 2026. For submission details, competition rules and entry information, please visit: **www.inspiredbylourdes.co.uk**.
What is your Lourdes story?

COULD YOU BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER? *Upper Room Leadership Programme* equips Catholics to lead and inspire the next generation through faith, formation, practical training and ministry experience. The programme ends with a youth ministry qualification and pilgrimage to Lourdes with the expectation for you to serve and lead in your parish! To sign up by 16th September and learn more please visit...
https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/

EARLY BIRD… Catholic Pocket Diaries for 2027 which also contain the Order of the Mass are now available from the repository shop - £3.50 each.

THE GREENO CENTRE would like to invite you to the AGM of the local charity 'Christmas Day at the Greeno' to be held at the Greeno Centre on Monday 14th Sept. at 7.15pm. Refreshments will be available. No need to book – just turn up.

THE HOLY ROSARY for those who wish is now prayed in church on Wednesday mornings - see back page for details. If you would like to know how to pray this lovely devotion - just come along and you will be guided. You will be most welcome.

ST CARLO ACUTIS: EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES is now on at Christ the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Weybridge**,** until 3rd Sept. All are very welcome!

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass: in the church Hall. Thank you to all who are on our refreshments rota, you make a great difference to the hospitality we offer at SJF. Toilets and baby changing facilities are also available in the hall.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? A new programme will begin in late Autumn for adults who would like to become Catholics and be received into the church at Easter. But don't miss out… if you are a Catholic but have not made your Confirmation or First Holy Communion - this programme is for you as well. This is a very relaxed series of sessions, there are no tests and absolutely no experience of Catholicism is necessary… just an open heart! The programme will run on Thursday evenings in the church hall. More details will follow soon, so watch this space and have a think about it.
P.S. If you are a fully fledged Catholic and you want to learn a little more about your faith, you are welcome to come along as well - just let us know.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED... Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons. Your voice matters. Please email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: **https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote** Easier still, pick up a post card from the back of the church, add your details and post it to your MP Thank you.

SO THAT YOU KNOW… there will be no morning Mass at 10.00am next Saturday morning, 5th Sept. All other weekend Masses are as usual.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be welcoming Spelthorne Orchestra for another Concert on Sunday 11th October, 4.00 - 6.00pm in the Church with refreshments in the hall beforehand and in the interval. More ticket information coming soon.

ANOTHER DATE - THE NEXT *BEETLE DRIVE* will be held in the hall on Friday 6th November. We are also planning a ***RACE NIGHT*** - date to be confirmed.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY:
Admission to Year 7 in 2027. Open Mornings Thursday 24th Sept, 1st Oct and 8th Oct. Tours from 8.45am, 9.00 and 9.15am *Please note that tour bookings are NOT required.* **Open Evening** Thursday 24th Sept from 5.30pm - 7.30pm Headteacher Evening Address 5.45pm and 6.30pm. **Sixth Form Open Evening Admission to Year 12 in 2027.** Wed 30th Sept from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Address at 6.30pm

LITTLE CHURCH ARE ON THEIR SUMMER BREAK … but will return next Sunday 6th September. Children's activity sheets and children's Mass cards are available every week at the back of the church. Please pray for our children and young people returning to schools and colleges this week and for their parents and teachers.

REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Rosary Prayers are offered on Wednesday mornings**.**

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. This is a good deed done. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank. Many, many thanks.

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament beginning the great adventure of faith for our youngsters. 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 requirements for Catholic godparents, are available from the church porch table.

YOUR KIND OFFERINGS support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF with your donations, we are very grateful. The loose collection last weekend was £253.71 the previous weekend was £220.24 (excluding online/card donations)
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online for the month of July averaged £1025.83. Thank you! As always, you are brilliant!

HOLY COMMUNION may be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make a throne and hands raised up, near to the priest, will avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus but the Body of Christ in Sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is both a beautiful and holy moment with the Lord himself. If you are not a Catholic, or you are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing instead - just place your hands across your chest.

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JOB VACANCIES for this month, across the Diocese can be viewed here: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop & Mandy Mollentze

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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