




PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER

Sun ☒ 07 Nov	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Philip Gilheaney RIP For Dave Cunningham RIP
Mon 08 Nov	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 09 Nov	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Mass 9.30am	For Leonie Farrell who is sick
Wed 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	Mass 9.30am	For Patrick Mulvany RIP
Thur 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	Mass 9.30am	For the souls of the faithful departed
Fri 12 Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	Mass 9.30am	For Matilda - in thanksgiving for God's blessings
Sat 13 Nov	The BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of Baby Raphael
Sun ☒ 14 Nov 	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am Requiem	For Janet & Norman Parsons RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For the sacrifices of the war dead

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

Exposition and Benediction: on Fridays 10.00am –10.30am (Eucharistic Adoration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

Prayer request box: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated by the church entrance. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for November: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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Sunday 7th November 2021

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
Week 32-YR 1
Divine Office
Psalter Week 4

What is the measure of your love for God?



ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

God does not have favourites, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel, God invited the people to have special care for the widows and orphans - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance.

The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life and in return showed us unending life. The widow, in the first reading, gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply.

We don't immediately realise where Jesus was when he teaches about the widow's generosity. He was sitting next to the temple "treasury", watching people's generosity, but also what people held onto.

What would you have done, if you had been in the temple that day? Would anything change for you, if Jesus was an usher taking up the weekly collection here this Sunday? This is the challenge to us: what do we offer in thanksgiving to God and his Church? What will our reward be?



WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Children's Mass cards and Missals are also available. You can pray the Mass with us on-line if you are house bound or away, just go to You Tube and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA

WE WELCOME TO SJF this weekend Fr Richard Filima (Sat 6.00pm Vigil & Sun 8.30am) and Fr Robert Hamilton CJ (Sun 10.30) to celebrate with us whilst Fr Shaun is away at a family event.

THANK YOU to all who made the extra effort to get to Holy Mass for the Commemoration of All Souls last Tuesday morning and evening. Your prayers for all the faithful departed, make all the difference.

THE RCIA PROGRAMME has begun - please pray for those who are embarking on this time of discernment and preparation. We are very grateful to them for their commitment, openness and courage at this time.

FROM NEXT WEEK we will no longer collect parishioner details for *Track and Trace* at the weekday Masses but you can still check in using the QR code if you wish. We will however, continue to collect parishioner details at the weekend Masses, when more people are in attendance. Please continue to wear your face covering, in consideration of others and remember to sanitise your hands.

THIS WEEKEND: THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION. Please give generously and help to ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the Church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please support us using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations
Thank you in advance for your kindness.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEACHERS: On-line event 23rd Nov 6pm-7.30pm. Our Diocesan Education Service is hosting this event to meet with Catholic teachers and leaders currently working outside of Catholic Education, to support them on their Journey into Catholic education and teaching. See the QR code on the poster by the church entrance for registration.

LITTLE CHURCH AT 10.30AM is especially for youngsters who have not made their First Holy Communion i.e. children under the age of seven. Children start off in church and then go into the hall, returning later to sit with their parents. Children who are now receiving Holy Communion, should remain in church for Mass.

A CALL TO LISTEN AND WALK TOGETHER: SYNOD 2022-2023 Pope Francis has announced a Synod for the whole people of God. As part of the preparation for the Synod, he has called every diocese to enter into a time of preparation, listening and discernment. The Pope writes: *"What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not the traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time."* Next week, as a first stage, we will be giving out questionnaires for you to consider and complete. Then we hope to have a designated Sunday, when we can listen and talk with each other.

ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SUNBURY: For children starting school in September 2022. Open morning each Wednesday in November. Children in our parish are high priority for admissions. Contact the school office on 01932 785 396, or admin@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk

TEA & COFFEE: is available for everybody in the church hall after the 10.30am Mass. For safety around hot fluids, please use the outside entrance.

THE PASSAGE, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25th Nov on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 0207 592 1856.

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. All Souls' sheets for the names of your departed loved ones, are available at the back of church, to take away and return when completed.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: A Requiem Mass for the sacrifice of the war dead will be celebrated next Sunday 14th November at 10.30am. A two minute silence will be kept after the Homily. British Legion Poppies are available for a donation at the back of the church.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at Sunbury Cemetery on Saturday 20th November at 12.00noon.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES can still be ordered whilst we have stock. The cost is £5. Details for candles are at the back of the church next to the Mass sheets.

BE PREPARED: So often in the holy scriptures we are told to be prepared. In November we remember those who have died, and take the opportunity to put our own affairs in order. Many people use this month to make or to revisit their Will and to leave written instructions of funeral wishes. This is an opportunity to be prepared, to make a note of favourite hymns and bible readings and to consider the type of funeral service we would like, be it a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. This is not a morbid thing to do, it's a loving act which takes the burden away from those we leave behind. You might also consider leaving a small gift to your church - a charity, in thanksgiving, in memory of your life shared with us here and in support of our continued work. Information is at the back of the church to take away.

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING – the online donation platform used throughout the diocese, is to close this month. During the pandemic, online giving became increasingly important for many parishes. At SJF we have been fortunate to receive donations online, but these, via Virgin Money Giving, will all end on 30th November. If you make occasional or regular donations online, including for Mass offerings etc.. you may now be wondering how you can continue supporting the parish. We will be setting up new online giving tools, but this will take a little time to arrange. Before we get to that point, it is worth remembering that the best way to support the

parish is by using a standing order. Regular giving is the financial bedrock of the parish. It also costs the parish less to manage a standing order than online giving, so your donation to our charity goes further. If you would like to support the parish, we would ask you to consider setting up a regular standing order. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Traci, our bookkeeper, who will be happy to help. sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk
We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has continued supporting SJF church during the pandemic. We pray that you will keep well and that your faith remains strong.

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Please keep up the good work and help where you can.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home)
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £118
Giving using offertory envelopes £93
Giving by bank standing order £605 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £40
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you, for supporting your church.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored anonymously this week.
For B & C - a special intention

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER
Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood,
Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray,
Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis, Mary Ange
Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan, Richard Caplis,
Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating, Mary Weathers,
Caroline Pegley, Winifred Lockwood,
Joan Colnbrook, Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD