

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 30 Oct ☒	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Winnie Lockwood RIP For Mario Coppi RIP - in memory of his birthday
Mon 31 Oct	feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 01 Nov	ALL SAINTS	Mass at 9.30am Mass at 7.00pm	Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Emily Theobalds RIP
Wed 02 Nov	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: ALL SOULS' DAY	Mass at 9.30am	For the souls of all the faithful departed
Thur 03 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the Intentions of Mr & Mrs Cole
Fri 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mass at 9.30am	For Patrick Mulvany RIP
Sat 05 Nov	BVM on Saturday	Apologies - no morning Mass at SJF	
Sun 06 Nov ☒	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Geraldine Dobson RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Rita Daly RIP

☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

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 praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

A Mass for your intentions: in thanksgiving, for a birthday, wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

Sponsoring the Blessed Sacrament Lamp for your intentions is just £5 for a whole week.

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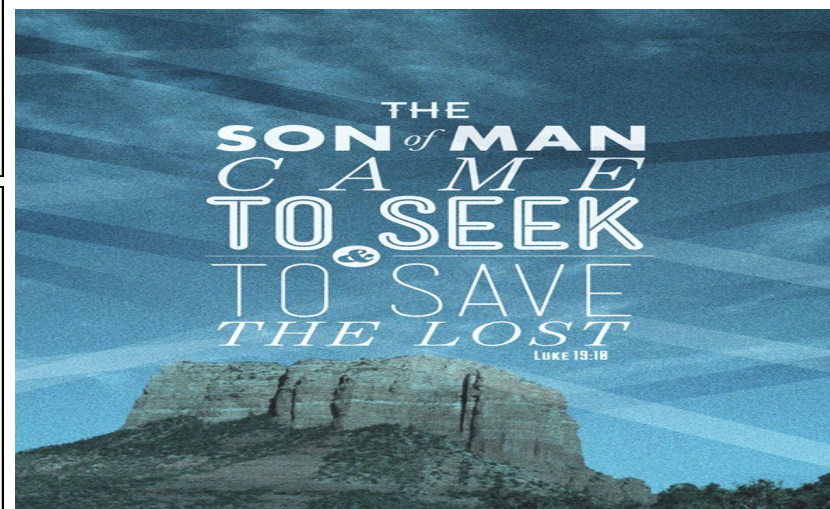
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31st Week

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 30th October 2022

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time



There is a subversive humour in today's Gospel which turns upside down the conventions of everyday life: we see a senior tax official climbing up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, Zacchaeus, come down! Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not.

It would be easy to laugh at little Zacchaeus and people in the town probably did, in between muttering about his extortionate taxes. And yet he has understood the message of God more clearly than others: he reveals the meaning of the first reading, since he understands that God is gentle, merciful and loving. Jesus corrects him, little by little so that he may abstain from evil and trust in the Lord.



WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! All Masses at SJF are live streamed. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through ill health.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR SJF: We are currently advertising for a new part time Church Administrator. The role is being advertised far and wide and more locally on the Diocese website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-shepperton-parish/> The closing date for applications to the Diocese is 15th November. Please keep in your prayers, all who are applying at this time.

THIS COMING WEEK'S DIARY DATES:

The Solemnity of All Saints is on Tuesday 1st Nov. Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm. On All Saints' Day we remember the men and women who were servants of the Lord while here on earth. We ask that they pray for us so that one day we might join them in heaven. Please do your very best to attend Holy Mass on this Solemnity, wherever you are. The Feast of All Souls is on Wednesday 2nd Nov. Mass at 9.30am. On this day we pray for our loved ones who have departed this earth.

DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF NOVEMBER,

we will remember the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends. All Souls sheets to list the names of your departed loved ones, are available from the back of the church.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at Sunbury Cemetery is on Saturday 12th November at 12.00noon.

A REQUIEM MASS for the War Dead will be celebrated on Sunday 13th Nov at 10.30am. A two minute silence will be kept at the end of the intercessory prayers. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES are available at the back of church, for a donation to this honourable cause. We thank Bernard Troop who has organised these again for us this year.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are now available for £5, on which to add the names of your loved ones. These candles will burn in the church to the left of the lectern, from All Souls'

Day, Wednesday 2nd November onward and will be available for the duration of the month, whilst the stock lasts. Pick up a names label from the back of the church today to complete and return.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you.

WITH SADNESS we announce the death of Kathleen Pollard. To many parishioners, she was known as Kay. We pray for Kay's soul, that she may rest in peace and we remember her family and friends, who mourn her greatly. Kay's Funeral Mass will be here at St John Fisher Church on Wednesday 9th November at 11.30am followed by cremation.

GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD: during the past months, many people have been struggling to make ends meet. 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 Please keep up the good work and help if and when you can. Many, many thanks

YOU ARE ALL COUNTED, BECAUSE YOU ALL MATTER TO THE LORD: Most recently we conducted the Annual Mass Count, of those attending Holy Mass at the weekends. These figures are collated across our Diocese and forwarded to the Vatican. The count for SJF Church this year is 18% lower than our pre-

pandemic numbers for the year 2019. Compared with the count for last year, 2021, we had a modest Mass count increase of 4% .

FAMILY RESOURCES are available online from the Celebrate Trust. The link contains ideas for families to do, pray, read and watch together. This latest activity pack is aimed at helping families develop an attitude of gratitude. It's free to use. See it here: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebratehome-prayer-stations>

TOILETS are available in the church hall. Please access them via the outside route. Thank you

HOLY COMMUNION can be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand and you may kneel or stand to receive. 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 what we call 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.

REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS - DO PLEASE JOIN US. The church hall entrance can be accessed via the outside door near the rear car park. You are very welcome.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those not receiving Holy Communion)

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.

A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE is what it says — it confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that a family are regular at Mass, as practising Catholics. Certificates can be requested by Catholic families whose children are Baptised. This is an important document, please do not embarrass the parish priest by requesting a certificate, if you are not attending Mass here regularly. If you happen to have recently moved



into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. Applications for children who are not Catholic or non practising, can still be made for Catholic schools without a certificate, under different admission criteria. Full details on eligibility for certificates can be found on school websites and at: [Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk/admissions-guidance-diocese-of-westminster-education-service/)

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS

is especially for youngsters who have not made their First Holy Communion i.e. children under the age of seven. Parents are encouraged to go along with their children until they are confident on their own. Children start off in church and then go into the hall. When the youngsters have completed their own liturgy, they return to sit with their parents.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £255
Giving via the bank: £696 (weekly average/Sept)
Our weekend loose offertory collection continues for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. Whatever way you support our work here at SJF, thanks, we couldn't do it without you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week for the intentions of Mrs Ayres

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
KATHLEEN (KAY) POLLARD, DR BRIAN MCQUADE
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, June Ryan
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