

THE WEEK AHEAD 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
Mon 07 Nov	feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 08 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the departed - Miranda Family
Wed 09 Nov	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Mass at 9.30am Funeral Mass 11.30am	For Noel Brown RIP For Kay Pollard RIP
Thur 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Gertrude Mulvany RIP
Fri 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	Mass at 9.30am	For the intentions of Patrick Cronin
Sat 12 Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 10.00am	For the Souls of all the faithful departed
Sun 13 Nov ☒	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am REQUIEM	For Holly Millar RIP For Aimee Diekmann RIP For the War Dead

☒ = 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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32nd Week

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 6th November 2022

32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time



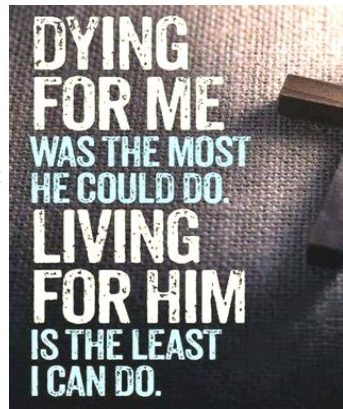
First Reading: Second Book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

This is one of the first expressions in the Old Testament of belief in a personal resurrection. In the face of the injustice portrayed by the violent elimination of the innocent and oppressed, Israel confesses that God is sufficiently powerful and just, to raise them to a blessed life.

Second Reading: Second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Concerned to strengthen his brothers and hindered himself by the interference of unbelievers, Paul invites the Christians of Thessalonica to pray to God with him, that the Lord who is faithful will keep them all faithful to the love of God.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 It is fortuitous that this passage of the Gospel is normally read near to the beginning of November, when we have celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, since it is a strong proclamation of the reality of life after death and the resurrection of the body. This Sunday is not without its difficulties, however, since this message is framed in two very sensitive passages: we have a story of cruelty and martyrdom in the first reading, and a controversial (and possibly upsetting) question about marriage in the Gospel. Remember that the example that the Sadducees bring is ridiculous, legalistic and completely misses the point: Jesus' reply does not mean that we are not with our loved ones after death. Quite the contrary, Jesus proclaims that we will all become one with God and each other as children of God.



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.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who made the extra effort to be at Mass on the Holy Day of Obligation last Tuesday, for the Solemnity of All Saints. It was good to see you !

SECOND COLLECTION – SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS
Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help 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 use the collection bucket at the back of the church for this collection. You can also 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 in advance for your kindness.

NEXT TUESDAY: Our church will host the Deanery meeting of clergy and school chaplains in the church and church hall. Thank you to the team who will be providing lunch and hospitality. The 9.30am Mass is as usual. In addition, there is Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Midmorning Prayer at 11.00am, which parishioners are very welcome to attend.

THE FUNERAL MASS FOR KATHLEEN POLLARD will be held here, this coming Wednesday 9th November at 11.30am followed by cremation

BE PREPARED: So often in the holy scriptures we are told to be prepared. Whilst during November we remember those who have died, this is also a good time to prepare or update our own affairs. Many people use this month to make or to revisit their Will and to leave written instructions of their 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 you would like, be it a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. It is important to remember that secular music and poems are not permitted at services in Catholic Churches. The Word of God contained in the Holy Bible and sacred music and hymns always take precedence. Preparing our affairs is not a morbid thing to do, it's a loving act which takes the burden away from those we leave behind. If you appreciate St John Fisher Church, you might also consider leaving a small gift in your Will, in thanksgiving and in memory of your life shared here and in support of the continued work of our own charity. Further information is available at the back of the church to take away to assist you.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: A Requiem Mass for the sacrifice of the War Dead will be celebrated next Sunday 13th November at 10.30am. A two minute silence will be kept at the end of the intercessory prayers. Our poppy cross wreath will be laid at the War Memorial in Shepperton, at the Remembrance Service next Sunday by Sally Dick on behalf of our church. British Legion Poppies are available for a donation at the back of the church.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are available from the Repository 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, throughout November whilst the stock lasts. Purple sheets to add the names of departed family and friends are available at the back of the church. Completed sheets can be placed in the basket at the front of the Altar.

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.

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

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

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>

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 ducation Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster ducation Service (rcdow.org.uk))

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: £214
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 parishioners who are new to SJF.
Deo Gratias - thanks be to God

**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
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD