

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 20 Nov ☒	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the departed Peiris family members For Maria Ligia Alves Teixeira Pro Populo - for the people of this parish
Mon 21 Nov	The Presentation of the BVM	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For deceased members of the O'Connor family
Wed 23 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Bob McKnabb RIP
Thur 24 Nov	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am	For Isaias Jude De Melo - 5th Birthday Intentions
Fri 25 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Eamonn Gibney RIP
Sat 26 Nov	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Timothy Aherne RIP
Sun 27 Nov ☒	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this parish For Winston Lennox Quashie 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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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 20th November 2022
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King, focus on the kingship of Jesus Christ, who is not a king like the rulers of this world. In the first reading David is anointed the king of Israel. In the second reading Paul tells us that we are going to share in the inheritance of Jesus Christ. In the gospel, from the cross, Jesus tells the good thief that he will join him in paradise.

Jesus wasn't the king the people were expecting. The Messiah was supposed to free God's people from the oppressive foreigners who came into the Promised Land and controlled them. But Jesus was not a military commander. He did not incite rebellion against the Romans. Instead he preached about love of God and others.

Jesus is our king. He frees us from fear and death. In his kingdom, we care for each other, especially the weak, the outcast, the sick, the despised, the sinners. He shows us how to trust in the Father, which is the only way we can be truly free. He shows us that love requires sacrifice, and that the sacrifice is worth it. He is the revelation of divine love.

I WOULD RATHER
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WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton, and to the celebration of Christ the Universal King. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2023

Registration forms will be available from next week. Registration will be for Baptised children in school year 3, whose families usually attend Mass here. In preparation for the programme, which commences in January (on Tuesdays), children should know by heart, The Lord's Prayer and be able to make the sign of the cross.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY



In the Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before the great celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to arrive," This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives, through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind - to receive Christ worthily.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL The annual Christmas Celebration concerts at Westminster Cathedral will take place this year on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st December. For tickets, visit www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

Details for the Christmas Season here at SJF will be listed from next week onward.

ARE YOU PLANNING on going to the recycling/refuse centre anytime soon? We have a few bits to dispose of. If you can help, please let Fr Shaun know. Many thanks in anticipation.

CAN YOU HELP? We have parishioners working at the Burlington Residential Home who are looking for a house in Shepperton to rent. Please contact the office if you can help.

DURING JANUARY - there is a possibility that we will open our Church Hall as a **Warm Hub** for local people to drop in. We are aiming for maybe one morning a week, possible 10.00am -1.00pm? This will provide a warm space for local people who may be struggling to keep their homes heated all the time. We hope to provide refreshments cake etc. We will be coordinating with other local churches, opening their spaces too. This will all be very dependent on you and the response we get. If you think you might like to help with this, please contact the office.

WORLD GIFTS for your families and friends, to help others in need. CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) have produced a catalogue, available to take away from the back of the church. Order your world gift by 15th December, receive an illustrated card to personalise for your loved ones and change the lives of others in need.

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

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR SJF: interviews for shortlisted candidates take place here, this coming week. Please keep our candidates in your prayers at this time.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR FOR ST THEODORE'S, HAMPTON: currently advertising for a new part time Church Administrator. The role is being advertised on the Diocesan website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-hampton-on-thames-parish/>
The closing date for applications to the Diocese is Monday 5th December 2022 at noon.

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.

A NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR SJF

The time is now right for us to get a group of faithful, representatives from across the Sat/Sunday Masses, representing the whole parish community, to form a new Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council will work closely with Fr Shaun, to assist him in developing our church community and mission. If you have some time to spare and are keen to help, please email Fr Shaun at shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk

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

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.

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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster education 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: £354

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 all who are in hospital or hospice and for those in residential care

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

HOLLY MILLER, 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