

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

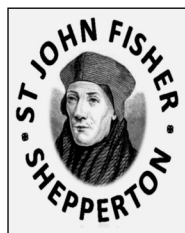
<b>Sun ☒ 01 Oct</b>	<b>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass</b>	For Keith Breslin, who is sick Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Anne Marie Comet RIP
Mon 02 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 03 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Patrick and Olivia Doohan RIP
Wed 04 Oct	St Francis of Assisi	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Jonathan Lynch RIP (birthday)
Thurs 05 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For George Derrington RIP - anniversary
Fri 06 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Francis Paul Joseph, for a good recovery
Sat 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	Mass at 10.00am	For Michael Fernando RIP - 9th anniversary
<b>Sun ☒ 08 Oct</b>	<b>27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Theresa Aherne RIP For Jim Farrell RIP & Edie Farrell RIP

**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. ☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

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**To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:**  
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/> **We are a registered charity No: 233699**



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 1  
Ordinary Time  
Week 26

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Sunday 1st October 2023 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



The Gospel for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 21:28-32), presents a parable of the two sons. One son, initially refuses to go into the vineyard to work, but later obeys and goes to work. The other son, who agrees to go to work, doesn't follow through. This story emphasizes the value of actions over words, highlighting true obedience. This calls to mind a saying: "Actions speak louder than words". This reminds us about honouring the commitments we make in life, but also to God. The parable begs an important question for us to seriously consider: Am I living out my faith in God fully or am I just treading water? Perhaps another rather hypothetical question to ask, might help to provide an answer to the first question: If I were ever to be arrested, on a charge of being a Catholic Christian... would there be any evidence to convict me?



**WELCOME** to Mass today at St John Fisher, especially if you are visiting. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are a new parishioner to SJF church, you are very welcome, please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun.

**GOD GAVE US MARY.** God and Mary gave us Jesus. God and Mary and Jesus gave us the Holy Rosary. The Holy Rosary is the single greatest tool against a busy, confusing, difficult life! October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We pray the Rosary after the 9.30am Mass every Wednesday together with the prayer intentions of the parish. You are welcome to come and join us. It's all very relaxed, so don't worry if you are unsure of what to do. It is your prayers which are most important.

**FROM THIS WEEKEND** at the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 8.30am Sunday Mass, when the bell is rung for the beginning of Mass, let us reintroduce the saying of the ENTRANCE ANTIPHON. This antiphon can be found at the top of the Mass Sheet. The Antiphon is usually a line of Scripture, relevant to the day. At the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, a hymn is sung instead of the sung antiphon (or Introit). The antiphon at the beginning of Mass, together with the Communion antiphon contribute to the identity of the particular Mass being celebrated. Thank you.

**DO YOU LIKE QUINCE?** October is the time to harvest Quince, before the early frost sets in. The quince tree in the Presbytery garden is laden with fruit - most of it hanging over the car park side fence. If you like quince, do please help yourself, rather than them falling and going to waste. (Fr Shaun)

**FRIDAY 6TH OCT** is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, we hope to have collection envelopes available asap. Please consider supporting this important cause, to help those less fortunate.

**A PARTY DATE FOR YOUR DIARY — SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER** to celebrate the bestowing of the Holy Father's Benemerenti Medal upon Gerry O' Malley. The 10.30am Mass on this date will be offered for Gerry's intentions, followed by a party in the hall. Please do keep the date free for this happy occasion. [If you can help with the catering in any way, please let Jean Johnston know or via the office.](#) Many thanks.

**YOU ALL COUNT:** THE NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT continues to take place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 2 weeks. The count measures attendance for each parish across the Catholic Church. The figures are then sent to our Diocesan Offices, to the Bishops' Conference and to the Vatican in Rome, to count attendance world wide. If you happen to spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

**RETREAT :** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Retreat at St Anthony's RC Church, 5 Garrat Road, Edgware, London HA8 9AN on Saturday 14 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - FOR ADMISSION IN 2024**

**ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** in Chertsey will be holding Open Mornings on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct and 21<sup>st</sup> Nov at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at 1.30pm to which all prospective parents are very welcome. Please contact the school office on 01932 562251 or via [office@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stannes-chertsey.surrey.sch.uk) to book a time slot.

**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS COLLEGE** Open Mornings or Evening Primary School Tours take place every Friday until Jan 2024. High School Open Evening takes place at 6pm on Wednesday 4th Oct. Sixth Form Open Evening takes place at 6pm on Wednesday 11th Oct. For more information and book tickets, please visit our website at: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/admission/>

**ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL**, (Green Street, Sunbury on Thames TW16 6QG) Open Mornings on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct at 9.30am, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am. The Headteacher, Mrs O'Neill will address prospective parents at 9.30am on each of the open mornings, followed by a tour of the school. You do not need to book, just come along. Deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to your Local Authority. Each Catholic school you apply to (regardless of where you rank them) will also

require their own forms to be completed by this deadline.

**A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** 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, but please do not embarrass Fr Shaun 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 at: [Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)

**HOLY BAPTISM** Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism.

**LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM MASS** takes place each Sunday. Children can also pick up a children's activity sheet and children's Mass book from the back of the church. Little Church 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. When the youngsters have completed their own liturgy, they will return to sit with their parents.

**IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS:** We have dates. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**  
Loose giving in the plate: £278.01 Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £3553.33; (£888.33 per week - weekly average for August)  
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, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without your support.

**FOOD BANK DROP OFF:** Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous, towards those who live locally, who are struggling at the moment. All of our donations are taken over to the Jubilee Centre for distribution. Thank you again.

**MASSES AT SJF** are live streamed via YouTube. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated with ill health

**PLEASE DO SUPPORT THE DOUGH SHACK** if you can - they are supporting us! They are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code (just capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up and order.



**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** burns continually by the Tabernacle. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for a particular intention it's just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the office to sponsor your preferred week

**REFRESHMENTS** after the 10.30am Mass are in the church hall. You can get there by leaving the church and walking towards the car park at the back. You will be very welcome!

**PARISH WEB:** Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**  
has been sponsored this week by  
Sujeeva for her father, Michael Fernando RIP  
on his 9th anniversary

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**  
**ANNIVERSARIES THIS OCTOBER**  
Frank Nagle, Peter King, Christopher Moran,  
Kitty Burden, Stella Loftus, Peter Willson,  
Anna Casey Clarke, Michael Hennessey,  
John Broadhurst, Suzannah Spiller, John Brett,  
Jacqueline Restel, Philip Bunce, Patrick Farrell,  
Ian Mitchell, Joyce Tracey, Kay Pollard  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**