

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

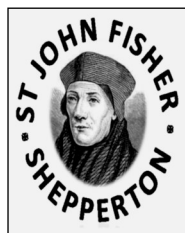
Sun ☒ 08 Oct	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Theresa Aherne RIP For Jim Farrell RIP & Edie Farrell RIP
Mon 09 Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 10 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For John and Pam - in thanksgiving
Wed 11 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Sam Doubleday RIP
Thurs 12 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tom and Simon - for successful transplant operations
Fri 13 Oct	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the Diocese	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Norma Doohan RIP
Sat 14 Oct	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Francis Paul Joseph - in thanksgiving
Sun ☒ 15 Oct	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Kathleen Pollard RIP - 1st anniversary For Gerry O'Malley - in celebration

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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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 27

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

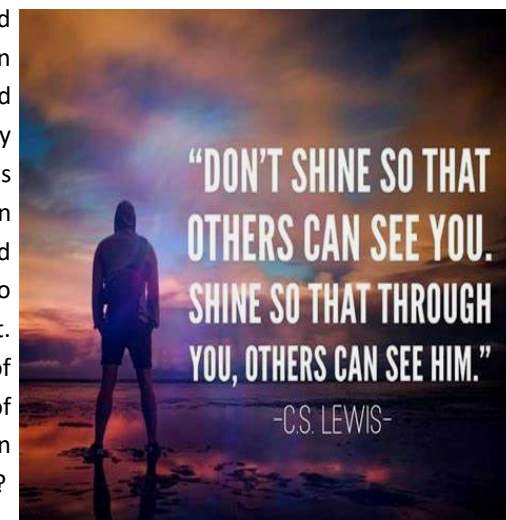


Sunday 8th October 2023 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



Today, for the third week running, the Gospel account comes from the vineyard. Frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned and cared for, if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heart breaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested

immense care and love in them, tending them and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a good harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce in the vineyard of Shepperton?



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.

THE HOLY ROSARY IN OCTOBER is prayed after the 9.30am Mass every Wednesday together with the prayer intentions of the parish. You are very 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.

A GENTLE REMINDER at the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 8.30am Sunday Mass, when the bell is rung for the beginning of Mass, we have now reintroduced 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – HARVEST COLLECTION AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use a CAFOD envelope (you can also gift aid) and put your envelope or loose cash in to the grey bucket, on the table at the back of the church. You can also donate online: cafod.org.uk Thank you for your support.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES in various parishes and jobs working centrally for the Diocese are advertised weekly. You can view the current vacancies via this link: For further details: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

A DAY WITH MARY: Westminster Cathedral Saturday 28th October beginning at 9.45am. See the poster in the entrance porch for more details

HOLY BAPTISM? Please contact Fr Shaun for registration.

DOES YOUR SON SING LIKE AN ANGEL? Westminster Cathedral are offering 100% bursaries for boys in Year 2-5 to attend their school and to become Choristers at the Cathedral. See the poster in the entrance porch to scan the QR code or go to www.choirsschool.com for more information

NEXT SUNDAY - 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.](#)

NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Wednesday 1st: ALL SAINTS: Masses: 9.30am & 7.00pm

Thursday 2nd: ALL SOULS' DAY: Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 4th: Blessing of graves at Sunbury Cemetery at 12 noon.

Sunday 12th: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

10.30am: Requiem Mass for the War Dead.

Sunday 26th: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: King of the Universe.

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.

YOU ALL COUNT: THE NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT continues to take place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend, ending next weekend. 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - FOR ADMISSION IN 2024

ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL in Chertsey will be holding Open Mornings on Tuesday, 10th Oct and 21st Nov at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Monday, 6th 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 to book a time slot.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS COLLEGE Open Mornings or Evening Primary School Tours take place every Friday until Jan 2024. 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 31st Oct at 9.30am, Tuesday 7th Nov at 9.30am and Thursday 30th 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 15th 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/admissions-guidance--diocese-of-westminster-education-service/)

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: £321.85. Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £3330.83; (£832.71 per week - weekly average for September) 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.

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