

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

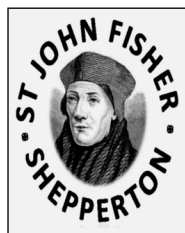
Sun ☒ 15 Oct	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Kathleen Pollard RIP - 1st anniversary For Gerry O'Malley - in celebration
Mon 16 Oct	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Jonathan Lynch RIP - anniversary
Wed 18 Oct	ST LUKE, Evangelist	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For John Gray RIP
Thurs 19 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Adellore Gerou RIP
Fri 20 Oct	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Sean Kavanagh RIP - 1st anniversary
Sat 21 Oct	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the people of Israel and Gaza and for peace in the Holy Land.
Sun ☒ 22 Oct	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Michael McBride - for improved health

**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 28

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

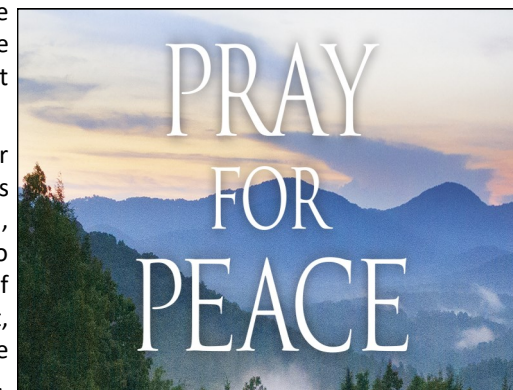


## Sunday 15th October 2023 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the wedding banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the happenings at the end of time, which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are Baptised, we go to Mass, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; our hope is that the same parable is not addressed to us.

Over all, the readings for today, touch upon God's benevolence, protection, and provision. But they also highlight the importance of our personal commitment, preparedness, and genuine engagement with our faith.



**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.

**OFFICE GREMLINS!** Just before the 10.30am Mass last Sunday the internet failed due to a fault with some of our equipment. We were without Live Streaming, Wi-Fi, emails, internet, printing capability and the church card machine for donations also failed! We finally managed to get back online on Wednesday. Thank you for your patience if you attempted to make contact with the office during this time, not least because we continue to experience an intermittent fault with our telephones. We will be moving to a new system in the next month. It's been quite a week!

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED** - to a party this Sunday (15th), after the 10.30am Mass in the Church Hall, to celebrate the bestowing of the Holy Father's Benemerenti Medal upon Gerry O' Malley, for his services to the National Tour of the Relics of St Bernadette. We congratulate Gerry on this wonderful achievement.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE** 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](http://cafod.org.uk) Thank you for your wonderful support.

**JUST A 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.

**TOYS, TOYS, TOYS:** We have 3 see-saws and a couple of tricycles — all are in the church car park and are free to take away, for anyone who is interested. If you happen to spot anything else there that you might like - please take it before it's taken away for recycling.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** in various parishes and jobs working centrally for the Diocese are advertised weekly. You can view vacancies here: <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](http://www.choirsschool.com) for more information

#### **NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>: ALL SAINTS: Masses: 9.30am & 7.00pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>: ALL SOULS' DAY: Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of graves at Sunbury Cemetery at 12 noon.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

10.30am: Requiem Mass for the War Dead.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: King of the Universe.

#### **NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

In life we pray for our loved ones, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. During the whole of November, we will remember the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES** at Sunbury Cemetery on Sunday 4th November at 12.00noon. All Souls' lists will be available soon. There will also be an opportunity to buy a seven day memorial candle to add the names of your loved ones. These will burn in church from All Souls' day onward. Full details will be available next week.

**MAKING WAVES.** Over the past 10 years, Shepperton Marina has developed a thriving, international award-winning successful business. Come and hear about the challenges and progress this renowned local family run business has made in the inland marine world. Wednesday 25 October 6.30pm (pre lecture drink) for 7.30pm talk. Halliford School. Tickets £18 each from Sally Dick or Jim McKeough or on-line at [www.sheppertonaurora.co.uk](http://www.sheppertonaurora.co.uk)

**SPELTHORNE SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP** are a friendly group of Christians from a wide range of churches who meet to pray for 25 local nurseries, playgroups and schools. They meet monthly on Friday mornings 10.00am-12noon. For more information:

[info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org)

**ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is currently advertising for a Headteacher on the ETeach website. If you would like any further information, or are interested in applying, please email [admin@ascensioncat.org](mailto:admin@ascensioncat.org) or contact Nicola Twose (HR Manager) on 0208 325 4630.

**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.

**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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Admissions.Guidance--Diocese.of.Westminster.Education.Service(rcdow.org.uk))

**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.

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

#### **TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £263.25. 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!

**PLEASE DO SUPPORT THE DOUGH SHACK** if you can - they are supporting us! They are outside the church every Thursday from **4.00pm**. 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 BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

has been sponsored this week by  
Andy McBride for his intentions

#### **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**