


THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 12 Nov 	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Francis Paul Joseph, for healing Pro Populo - for the people of our parish Requiem Mass for the War Dead
Mon 13 Nov	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 14 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Cecil & Peter Rowntree RIP
Wed 15 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For the souls of the faithful departed RIP
Thurs 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	Mass at 9.30am	For Rita & Reg Day RIP
Fri 17 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For All Souls RIP
Sat 18 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Teresa Almeida RIP (1st anniversary)
Sun ☒ 19 Nov	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Aimee Diekmann RIP For Francis Paul Joseph

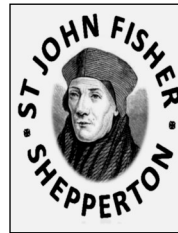
Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request
Prayer Request Box: at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass. ☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 32



Sunday 12th November 2023
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Weekly Newsletter



First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is radiant and doesn't fade, easily found by those who seek her. She eagerly meets those who watch for her and brings freedom from worry to the worthy.

Responsorial Psalm 62 I seek and thirst for God, finding greater good in His kindness than in life itself. I find satisfaction and joy in meditating on Him and calling upon His name.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Don't grieve without hope for those who've died. If we believe in Jesus' resurrection, the dead will also rise. At Jesus' return, both the dead and living will meet Him.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13: Jesus shares a parable about ten virgins waiting for a bridegroom. Five are wise and bring extra oil, while five are foolish and don't. When the bridegroom arrives, only the wise ones can join him at the wedding feast, as they are prepared. The message stresses readiness and vigilance.



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.

YOU ARE BRILLIANT - Our congregation at SJF have raised a whopping £597.62 for CAFOD following the Harvest Fast Day. Thank you for your generosity. We have sent the cheque off.

WE SADLY REPORT the death, last Monday, of Austin Jennings. Austin was a regular member of SJF at the Saturday Eve Vigil Mass. We pray that his soul may rest in peace. Austin had been ill for some months and had been receiving Holy Communion and Anointing at home. As we pray for Austin, we remember Eileen his wife and the whole family in their grief. We await details of the date of his Funeral Mass.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - A Requiem Mass for the War Dead will be celebrated this Sunday 12th Nov at 10.30am. A two minute silence will be kept at the end of the intercessory prayers.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES are available at the back of church, for a donation to this honourable cause. Please do help our veterans if you can. We thank Bernard Troop who has organised these again for us this year.

WE THANK SALLY DICK who will lay a poppy wreath on behalf of our church at the Shepperton War Memorial on Sunday morning.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are available for £5, on which to add the names of your loved ones. These candles will burn during the whole month of November, in the church to the left of the lectern. Pick up a names label from the Repository shop by the church entrance, to complete and return to the office or sacristy.

BE PREPARED: So often in the holy scriptures we are told to be prepared. During November we remember those who have died, but 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 permissible at services in Catholic Churches. This is not the Catholic Church being difficult, but ensuring that the Words 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, your church, you might also consider leaving a gift in your Will, in thanksgiving and in memory of your life shared here and in support of our continued work. Further Information is available at the back of the church to take away to assist you.

RACE NIGHT On the 25th November, the SJF Lourdes group will be hosting their first ever Race Night!! in the Church Hall. Tickets cost £15pp and include a complimentary drink. This promises to be an exciting evening of equestrian entertainment, with cash prizes on every race. There will be a bar available, and you are welcome to bring your own snacks and nibbles. The doors will open after the 6.00pm Mass and racing will begin at 7.30pm. To book your tickets please sign up in the porch or contact Katrina on 07921 409402.

POCKET DIARIES FOR 2024 are now for sale in the Repository Shop for just £3.00.

S.J.F LOTTERY BONUS BALL: The first rotation will begin on the 2nd December so sign up quick to get your favourite number! You can sign up after the Masses or alternatively you can contact Katrina on 07921 409402.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION registration forms will be available at the back of the church, from next week. These are for youngsters who attend Mass here. The programme will begin on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY - Advent Summit – all young people in the diocese are invited to join Westminster Youth Ministry on Sat 2nd Dec from 2.00-5.00pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Queensway. An afternoon of prayer and adoration with speakers including Cardinal Vincent, on the theme “the dwelling place”. For more information: youth@rcdow.org.uk

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. We hope to have a final total of money raised, in time for the Newsletter next week. Please do keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. Many thanks.

THINGS ARE MOVING ON

Pre-Covid we developed plans to refurbish the church hall, toilets and kitchen and create some additional new space. The diocese are now on board, assisting us to move the project to the next stage, with a possible first phase start in Spring 2024. Plans are still being modified, but as soon as they are available, parishioners will be able to see them. In the meantime, it would be helpful if we could gather together a small team, to look at ideas for fundraising, specifically for our refurbishment. If you are interested in helping with this, please could you contact Mandy in the office. Mandy works on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We need your help - 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.

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.



IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a 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. You can now Gift Aid your offering by using the Blue Envelopes from the back of the church.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £275.79 Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £3330.83; (£832.71 per week - weekly average for the month) 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.

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

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/>

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week for Berangere and her family, for their intentions.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER

Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood, Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray, Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis, MaryAnge 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