

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

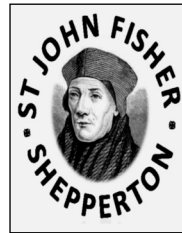
Sun ☒ 19 Nov	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Aimee Diekmann RIP For Francis Paul Joseph
Mon 20 Nov	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 9.30am	For the souls of all the faithful departed
Wed 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Muriel, Noel & Trevor O'Hanlon RIP
Thurs 23 Nov	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Frank Menscall RIP
Fri 24 Nov	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For all holy souls
Sat 25 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Tim Aherne RIP (anniversary)
Sun ☒ 26 Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of our parish For Winston Lennox Quashie 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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Ordinary Time
Week 33

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 19th November 2023 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday marks the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, as we prepare for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, next Sunday. This leads into the 34th and last week in Ordinary Time. Today's readings, like those of last week, continue to remind us that we need to be prepared for the end of time, an event which the authors of the New Testament thought was imminent.

The First Reading from Proverbs suggests that we should embody all the qualities of 'the perfect wife' as seen through the eyes of the author. She is industrious and diligent, not just for her family but also for the poor and the needy.

In the Second Reading, St Paul tells us that the Day of the Lord will come when we least expect it, 'like a thief in the night'. We should remain wide awake in anticipation of the Lord's coming.

In the Gospel reading, the parable of the talents reminds us to use the gifts and talents we have for the benefit of others.

Everyone has been given a talent, and it is our duty to use it in the service of the Church and Society. So this week, perhaps spend some time reflecting on how best to use the talent you have been entrusted with, so that when the time comes, you can also be called a 'good and faithful servant'

**YOUR TALENT IS
GOD'S
GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU DO WITH
IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK
TO GOD.**

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity raised £448.25 This will assist our sick and retired priests, for the ongoing care and support they need. May the Lord bless you for your kindness.

NOW OPEN: First Holy Communion Registration for 2024. Forms are available at the back of the church for Baptised children in school year 3, whose families attend Mass here. In preparation for the programme, commencing Tuesday 9th January, children should know by heart, The Lord's Prayer and be able to make the sign of the cross. Children older than school year 3, requiring Baptism and/or preparation for FHC should complete the green SPOCK (Sacramental Programme for older children) Form. Thank 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 still 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.



NEXT WEEKEND : Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Masses at 6.00pm (Sat Vigil) and Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am. Come and join us to celebrate this special solemnity.

APOLOGIES: Our church internet, live streaming and emails etc were broken for the first part of the week. We still do not have a fully functioning telephone system. By this weekend, your calls will hopefully be diverted to us through our private mobiles. Please bear with us. We are moving onto a full fibre system (whatever that means), but our old telecoms provider disconnected our line prematurely, before the new system fully comes online at the end of November. Happy days! Fr Shaun.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY It's that time of the year when we start preparing for the short nativity story, for the 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to take part in acting or reading, please let Jean Johnston know asap. We are also looking for adult helpers.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE GREENO CENTRE: If you would like to attend, Fr Shaun can help you to book your place - just ask. The Greeno may also be able to help with transport on the day, if needed. Additionally, the usual *pledge board* will be in the church entrance from next week for parishioners to sign up your kind pledges.

WE SADLY REPORT the death, of Austin Jennings. Austin was a regular member of SJF at the Saturday Eve Vigil Mass. Austin's Funeral Mass will take place here on Thursday 7th December at 11.30am. As we pray for Austin, we remember Eileen his wife and the whole family in their grief.

BE FAMILIAR... with our church and church hall exit doors and routes. You may have been coming to SJF for many years or are at SJF for the first time. It's always a good idea to look around to see where your nearest exit route is, in the event that we ever need to evacuate our building at short notice. Thank you.

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.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are available for £5, on which to add the names of your loved ones. These candles burn for 7 days, 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. 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.

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.

FOOD BANK BOX: Your kind donations, can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, They go directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank. Please keep up the good work. Many thanks.

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

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK Loose giving in the plate: £297.38 Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £801.67 per week - weekly average for October. 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.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week for the intentions of Laura, Mark and Teddy Douglas

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
AUSTIN JENNINGS RIP
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 Colbrook, Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons, June Ryan.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD