THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 15 Sept	**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Elsbeth Paul – a birthday thanksgiving Pro Populo for the people of the Parish Pro Populo for the people of the Parish
Mon 16 Sept	St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs.	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 17 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Maria Ap. Modena RIP
Wed 18 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For our hall renovation and for those assisting us
Thurs 19 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our young people who have begun a new term at school, college or university
Fri 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Ha- sang & Companions Martyrs.	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	*This Mass is available for your intentions - to reserve, just ask Mandy in the office*
Sat 21 Sept	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism 12.00 noon	*This Mass is available for your intentions - to reserve, just ask Mandy in the office*
Sun ✠ 22 Sept	**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	*This Mass is available for your intentions* *This Mass is available for your intentions* For Valentina & Enis

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 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 B
Weekday Readings Year 2 - Wk 24
Divine Office Wk 4

Sunday 15th September 2024
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



Isaiah: 50– 5-9 Our first reading, presents a message of reform and renewal. Isaiah's prophecies, especially the "Servant Songs," speak of a servant who suffers for the sins of the people, bringing redemption and spiritual liberation—does this remind you of someone? Christians see these prophecies as referring to Jesus, predicting his birth, suffering, death, and ultimate victory. These passages highlight themes of hope and renewal, anticipating a time of peace and justice for all humanity.

The Letter of St James: 2:14-18, James teaches that faith without works is dead. This reading ties directly to the Gospel message, where Jesus speaks about taking up the cross and following him. Both readings emphasize that faith is not just about words or beliefs but must be lived out through actions. To be a Christian means we actually have to do something. James urges us to show our faith by helping others and doing good works. This Sunday challenges us to actively live out our faith, following Jesus's example of love and sacrifice

The Gospel of St Mark: 8:27-35. Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter declares, "You are the Christ," marking a turning point in understanding Jesus' identity. Jesus then reveals that he will suffer, be rejected, and be killed, but will rise after three days. This shocks the disciples, who struggle with the idea of a suffering Messiah.

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US

ALL REGULAR MASSES AT SJF are live streamed via *YouTube* for those who are incapacitated by ill health, or away and want to keep up to date with SJF. Just go to *You Tube* and type in the search box:' St John Fisher Shepperton' But we look forward to seeing you at Mass in person.

THANK YOU to all who came along to help us to clear the car park of weeds. Your generosity of time, especially on a Saturday, has made a huge difference. Thank you.

CATENIANS: The Catenians are an association of Catholic gentlemen dedicated to faith, family, and friendship. They support the Catholic church, local parishes, young people, and charitable causes. Lifelong friendships are forged through monthly meetings and social events. Any Catholic gentleman interested in joining is warmly invited to attend a Circle meeting. Dinner will be provided following the meeting, courtesy of the Circle. Runnymede Circle meets at 7:30pm on the third Monday of each month at Warren Lodge Hotel, Church Square, Shepperton. For more info Contact Bernard Lavery on: 07802 268550/ unita302@gmail.com https://thecatenians.com

LITTLE CHURCH! Do please encourage your children to attend Little Church at the 10.30am Sunday Mass (maybe even go along with them). And when the children return to the church during the 'offertory' encourage them to use the Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, which are available for our youngsters from the back of the church. They are especially for them.

BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, is encouraging Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action as Parliament prepares to renew the debate around assisted suicide. The Catholic Herald recently published an informative article about government sanctioned euthanasia. Copies are available from the table by church entrance.

PRAYER REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church . Rosary Prayers are offered on Wed' following the 9.30am Mass.

YOU ARE REALLY HELPING: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our FOOD BANK BOX, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support.

SAT EVE VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM: If you attended the Saturday evening Vigil Mass you will have heard me raising the possibility of moving the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass back one hour to start at 5.00pm. This option would allow for other clergy nearby, in the Deanery to cover the Mass here in my absence but also enable me to cover Masses on Saturday evening for neighbouring parishes. Currently most Masses locally have similar start times which prevents priests covering Masses elsewhere. The lack of available clergy to offer Mass cover across the diocese and the high costs are increasingly difficult to meet. If you attend the 6.00pm Mass, please let me know what you think to the possibility of an earlier start. If we do decide to change the start time, this would not begin until the clocks move back one hour to Greenwich Mean Time. Please let me know your thoughts so that we can arrive at a decision together. Fr Shaun

COULD YOU BE A PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE? The diocese will provide a training programme, so you will be well supported and DBS paperwork is administered via our parish office so administration is minimal. If you are interested in knowing more please chat with Fr Shaun.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week,
in memory of Jack Mulvany RIP
Eternal rest grant to him O Lord

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Gil Lincoln RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER
Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw, Clive Ross, Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross, Michael O' Reilly, Sheila Thompson, Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney, Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS SCHOOL TOURS AND OPEN EVENINGS Tours take place on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout September and October. https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/high-school/high-school-admissions

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Chertsey will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday, 24th September at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 25th September at 1.30pm to which all prospective parents are very welcome. Please visit the school website or follow the link below to book. https://forms.office.com/e/CHZFfgE79n

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)

HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, wedding anniversary, for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact Mandy in the office. (Wednesday and Thursday mornings). The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford. Your offering directly supports the work of our church. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass - in the church hall. You will be most welcome. The hall & access to the toilets is via the outside door, along the side of the church.

LIKE PIZZA? YOU'LL LOVE THE DOUGH SHACK They are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code (capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME TEACHER/CATECHISTS- we have had some expressions of interest to help - this is very encouraging. Could you consider becoming a catechist/teacher yourself? If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat. We can offer you bags of support and encouragement. Thank you. Fr Shaun

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK Our parish relies only on the support of its members. So weekend loose money offertory collection is really important and continues for those who do not use a bank standing order, use the card machine or make your offering on-line. Please assist the collectors, by passing the collection bags down the bench (pew) when handed to you. SJF is self supporting, with no other assistance from the Diocese (or government except for Gift Aid). So your donations support absolutely everything we do. Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £330.34. Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £979.58 per week during August. Thank you, as always - you are brilliant!

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK
All-powerful and ever-living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your Church. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

UPDATE - HALL RENOVATION: Next week, we will hear from our diocese finance department if we can proceed with the renovation. We will then 'go out to tender' for companies to cost the work required. Once the four week tender process ends, our Finance Committee will meet to discuss the adjudicated tenders. We have a tentative outline to begin work in January with a construction period of around 54 days. The great news is that we have recently been awarded a grant of £9,000 from the Sisters of the Holy Cross Charity. This is a real blessing for our parish towards the huge costs of the renovation. In the coming weeks we will have more information, to share, architects' drawings, full costs for the works, and the opportunity for you to support the renovation project.