THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 22 Sept	**25TH 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 Valentina & Enis
Mon 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 24 Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham Feast	Mass at 9.30am	For our hall renovation and all who are supporting us
Wed 25 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Mary Bluett RIP
Thurs 26 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Mary Crowley - in celebration of her birthday
Fri 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For our youngsters, Francis and Orlando - for healing
Sat 28 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism 12.00 noon	For Daisy and Alan Gill RIP
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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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We are a registered charity No: 233699
TO make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 22nd September 2024
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2 - Wk 25
Divine Office Wk 1



First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
The author of Wisdom describes "the just one" who suffers the insults of the wicked. Because he pointed out their wrongdoing, the wicked are determined to make the just one suffer. They sarcastically predict that even if they condemn him to death, God will take care of him. Christians see in this reading a description of Jesus.

Second Reading: Letter of St. James 3:16 - 4:3
James encourages Christians to show by their actions that they have "wisdom from above." The wise do not act out of jealousy or selfish striving after their own way. They are peace loving, gentle, forgiving, and kind. They understand that by working for peace they help bring about justice in the world.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
When Jesus tried to tell his disciples about how he would soon suffer and die, they were afraid to ask him any questions. They acted as though everything would stay the same. They even argued about who was the greatest among them. So Jesus corrected them by saying that whoever wanted to be the greatest would have to be the servant of all.



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.

YOU ALL COUNT: The national Annual Mass count takes place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 3 weeks. 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. We also collate information regarding the life of our church, including figures relating to the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. Additionally we include the number of funerals which have taken place. If you spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY— Harvest Appeal. Friday 4th October Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD funded training centre. Give to CAFOD and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelopes in church when they are available or give online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope**

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.

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE - Thank you we have a potential Safeguarding Rep. We shall keep you updated.

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.

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week,
in memory of Sheila Doherty RIP
Eternal rest grant to her 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

SAT EVE VIGIL MASS AT 6.00PM: There is a 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, 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

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 next 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)

LIKE PIZZA? YOU'LL LOVE THE DOUGH SHACK Please do support them - they are also supporting us. 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.

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 £268.65. 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!

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here:
Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
(For those not receiving Holy Communion in church and for those who are sick at home and are joining us for Mass via live streaming)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

