THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 29 Sept	**26TH 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 William and Romana Remedios RIP
Mon 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 01 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus. Virgin & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Claire O'Sullivan RIP - 1st Anniversary
Wed 02 Oct	Holy Guardian Angels	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For David Andrews RIP
Thurs 03 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our hall renovation works and for all involved
Fri 04 Oct **CAFOD Harvest Fast**	St Francis of Assisi	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Jonathan Lynch RIP (Birthday)
Sat 05 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism 12.00 noon	For a private intention
Sun ✠ 06 Oct	**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Norah Burke RIP (Birthday) Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Theresa Aherne RIP (Birthday)

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 29th September 2024
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle Readings Year B
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Divine Office Wk 2





This weekend we are invited to see God's spirit in unexpected places, to use our wealth justly, and recognise the good works of others.

In the first reading, God's spirit rests on Eldad and Medad, even though they were not at the gathering. This surprises everyone, including Moses. Moses explains that God can choose anyone to share his spirit. This account teaches us that God's spirit is not limited. The Lord can work through anyone, regardless of where they are. We should be open to seeing God's work in unexpected places and people.

When we accept that God's spirit can be present in anyone, we see that everyone has the potential to share God's message. This helps us to appreciate the diverse ways God works in the world.

In the second reading, St James gives a strong warning. He condemns those who hoard wealth and exploit others. He emphasises that wealth should be used to help others. James wants us to see the dangers of greed. Wealth can make us selfish and blind to the needs of others. True wealth however is found in sharing and caring for those less fortunate. By helping others, we live out our faith in practical ways.

In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and they try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasises that good works done in his name are valuable. We are reminded here, that we should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus values all efforts done in his name.

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.

COFFEE MORNING to generate ideas for Fund Raising for the Hall Refurbishment – Father Shaun is working very hard to obtain grants to help with the cost of the proposed refurbishment.
However, we as Parishioners also need to look at ways that we can help raise funds. To continue on from Chris's recent successful Music Night, we are having a Coffee & Cake morning, in the Church Hall on Monday the 7th October at 10:30am, so that we can pool ideas for fund raising. We hope you can come along to this, but if you can't and have some suggestions please let Mandy in the office know, and she will pass them on to me. Many thanks, Jill Fortune.

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**.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY— HARVEST APPEAL. This coming Friday 4th Oct. 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 There will be second collection in church next weekend at Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to sisters, Emilia and Ilaria Tyler, who received the wonderful Sacrament of holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for them and for their families at this blessed time.

YOU ALL COUNT: THE NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT continues to take place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 2 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. If you happen to spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 Oct (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/** or **https://eventcatholic.com/**

THE LOURDES TEAM will be hosting a Brunch after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20th October in the parish hall. On the Menu will be sausages, bacon, beans, hash browns and other delicious treats! There will be veggie options too and plenty of tea and coffee Breakfast will be £10 for adults and £5 for under 10's. If you would like to come along then please book by signing up on the sheet in the porch.

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.

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

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Gil Lincoln RIP
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

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.

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

UPDATE SAT EVE VIGIL MASS Thank you for the feedback regarding a possible earlier start for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. The majority of regulars at this Mass have now commented - this was very helpful. Overwhelmingly, parishioners have said it is a good idea to change from 6.00pm to 5.00pm. This will allow for other clergy to cover the Mass here more readily, in my absence and enable me to cover Masses on Saturday evening for neighbouring parishes as well. To give us time to prepare, the first Saturday Vigil Mass at the new time of 5.00pm will be on Saturday 2nd November. Thank you again for your help in arriving at this decision. Fr Shaun.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE RETREAT :
St George's Catholic Church, Harrow Rd, Sudbury, Middlesex, HA0 2QE. On Saturday 26th Oct, 1.00pm - 4:30pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Holy Rosary, Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information

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.

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 their offering on-line. Please assist the collectors, by passing the collection bags down the bench (pew) when handed to you. Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £229.20 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!

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.