THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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)
Mon 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary ***Day of Prayer & Fasting for peace in the Middle East***	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 08 Oct	Feria	APOLOGIES - NO MASS TODAY	
Wed 09 Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	Offered in thanksgiving
Thurs 10 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Maureen & Chris Smyth for a special intention
Fri 11 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Michael Fernando RIP (10th anniversary on 7th Oct)
Sat 12 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Philip Kane RIP
Sun ✠ 13 Oct	**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Elvio & Sandy - for improving health For Brian and Christine Hooper RIP Pro populo - for the people of our parish

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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Sunday cycle Readings Year B
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

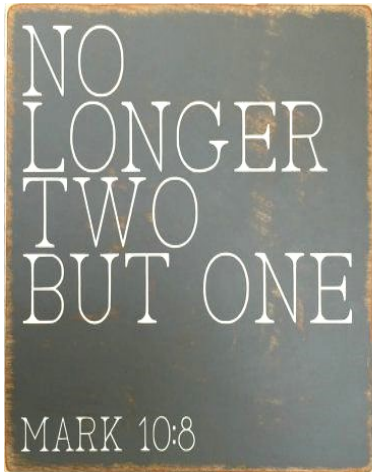
Sunday 6th October 2024
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24 As often happens on a Sunday, when Jesus quotes from the Old Testament in the Gospel, we hear the same passage in the first reading. In an age when it is all too easy to be negative about the mystery of marriage, this reading recalls the great wonder which is marriage, as it tries to explain what is so special, so blessed, about man and woman becoming one. It is a poetic illustration of the search for the perfect partner, and the joy at finding one.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11 We leave behind the impassioned outpourings of Saint James, and turn to the Letter to the Hebrews for our second reading for the next seven weeks. This letter, not written by Saint Paul but by an unknown author, takes as its central theme the transition from Judaism to Christianity, showing how the latter, in the person of Jesus, has superseded the former. A great deal of the letter focuses on the person of Jesus, as the High Priest of the New Covenant, and what he does. So it is today: we hear of Jesus suffering and sub-mitting to death, sharing everything that we are, so that we could be his brothers and sisters, and so bring us into glory.

Gospel - Mark 10:2-16 Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the "two become one" for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus revokes this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue later on.



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 as always, we look forward to seeing you in person.

CARDINAL VINCENT WRITES, regarding the increasing intensity of conflict in the Middle East:
*In response to the developing situation, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting and prayer. This is to take place this Monday, 7th October, the first anniversary of the Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel. 'I ask everyone,' he says, 'to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the wor*ld.'
The Vatican News website has more detail at https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-10/pope-7-october-to-be-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-peace.html.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has also invited us to mark Monday as a day of prayer, penance and fasting for peace in the Holy Land. He speaks of the *'need to pray, to bring our pain and our desire for peace to God. We need to convert, to do penance, and to implore forgiveness.'* You can read the Patriarch's message at https://www.lpj.org/en/news/a-day-of-prayer-fasting-and-penance.

THE HOLY ROSARY IS... the single greatest tool against a busy, and/or difficult life! October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We pray the Rosary after the 9.30am Mass every Wednesday, together with the prayer intentions left In our prayer requests box. You are welcome to come and join us and if you have never prayed the Rosary before, don't let this stop you - you'll soon get the hang of it!

THE CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION takes place at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Frank John Axton who received the wonderful Sacrament of holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for him and for his family at this blessed time.

PARISHIONER Sandra Cane has a new but unwanted landline telephone: model: BT2200. It has nuisance call blocker and works with all landline providers. It's free if someone is in need of one. If you are interested let us know in the office and we'll pass on contact details for Sandra.

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.

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.

NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:
All Saints: (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses:
Vigil Mass: Thurs. 31st Oct at 7.00pm
& Fri 1st Nov at 9.30am
All Souls' Day: Sat 2nd Nov: Mass at 10.00am
Blessing of Graves, Sunbury Cemetery
at 12.00 noon
Remembrance Sunday: 10th Nov: Requiem Mass for the War Dead at 10.30am:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
Sun 24th Nov - usual Sunday Masses.

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/**

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHERTSEY will be holding Open Mornings on Fri 11th Oct and Tues 12th Nov at 9.30am and an Open Afternoon on Tues 26th Nov at 1.30pm to which all prospective parents are very welcome. Please visit the school website or follow this link to book: https://forms.office.com/e/WG3LrCZa9j

APOLOGIES there will be no Mass at SJF this coming Tuesday - all other Masses are as usual

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.

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 this coming Monday the 7th Oct 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.

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.

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.

SAT EVE VIGIL MASS Thank you for the feedback regarding a possible earlier start for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. Parishioners have overwhelmingly have said it is a good idea to change from 6.00pm to 5.00pm. 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.

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 £241.12 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 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)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
For those who are at home, for Catholics who do not receive Holy Communion and for those who are not Catholic.



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, in Holy Communion, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week in memory of
Lorna Troop RIP
Eternal rest grant to her O Lord

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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.
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