THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 14 Oct	Feria	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 15 Oct	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	For Anne Keene RIP
Wed 16 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For baby Frederick Alexander, In celebration of his Holy Baptism
Thurs 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Jonathan Lynch RIP 20th anniversary
Fri 18 Oct	ST LUKE, Evangelist	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For David Andrews RIP
Sat 19 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Jimmy Briody RIP whose funeral took place on 18th Oct
Sun ✠ 20 Oct	**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Pat (Patricia) Drew RIP Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Theresa and Alan (RIP) Wedding anniversary

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:
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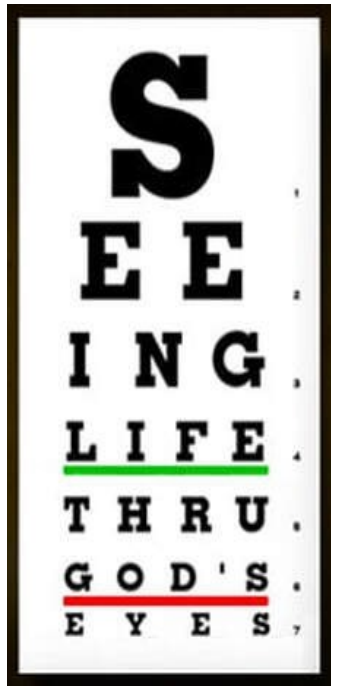
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 13th October 2024
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



Today's Gospel reading is about the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions. It is a simple gospel passage which speaks so clearly to our own age. When Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, the young man's face drops and he goes away sad, for he is a man of great wealth. How sad it is that such a keen man who initially runs up to Jesus and by all accounts, is a good young man, cannot free himself from the one thing that was holding him back: his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is…" perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from his riches.



Jesus' teaching is as radical and new now as it was two thousand years ago. In Israel at that time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that doesn't last, just distracts us from holding on to the really important things, that are eternal. We cannot serve both God and wealth.

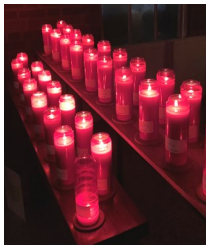
WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US

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.

THIS WEEKEND there will be a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent in place of the usual homily. The Cardinal's letter is regarding an Assisted Suicide Bill which is being put before parliament for consideration. You might also consider watching actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. You can watch for free online here: *righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead*

THANK YOU, to all who attended the 'Fund Raising Ideas for the Hall Refurbishment' coffee morning on Monday and/or sent emails. There was a great turnout, and lots of good ideas were discussed. Please keep an eye on the newsletter in the coming weeks, for information on upcoming events."

NOVEMBER SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are now available for £5, on which to add the names of your departed loved ones. These candles will burn in the church to the left of the lectern, from All Souls' Day, Saturday 2nd November onward and will be available for the duration of the month, whilst the stock lasts. Pick up a names label from the Repository at the church entrance today to complete and return to the office or sacristy with your £5



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!

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
(start of 7 day candle lighting for month of Nov.)
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.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHERTSEY will be holding 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

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**.**

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 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 £305.05 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.

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.

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)

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
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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