THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 21 Oct	Feria	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 22 Oct	St John Paul II, Pope	Mass at 9.30am	For Denis Miranda RIP
Wed 23 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Kathleen (Kay) Pollard RIP Second anniversary
Thurs 24 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis and Orlando, both receiving hospital treatment at this time.
Fri 25 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For our hall renovation
Sat 26 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For baby Domenico Stillitano RIP who would have been 3 years old on 3rd Nov.
Sun ✠ 27 Oct	**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Pro Familia Fasiolo, general intention Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Mario Coppi RIP (birthday 26th Oct)

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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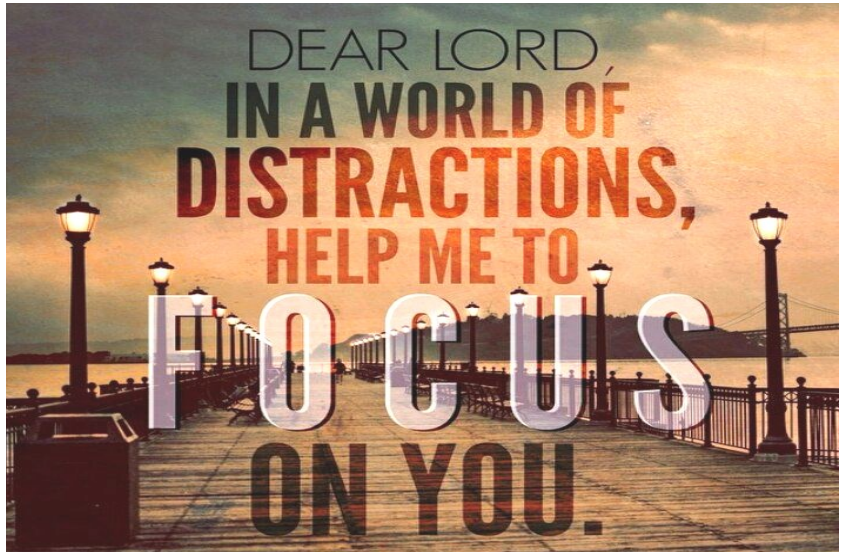
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TO make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 20th October 2024
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



It's often the case, that the values of the Gospel, contradict the values of the world - sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the world's life of service; and what the world sees as death and failure, is in fact, life and victory.

It is this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought among the pagans. Jesus will give his very life, and so become the first of all. Jesus asks us to take his words, about the worldly way of behaving, to heart.

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.



SLEEP-IN SUNDAY! is next Sunday, 27th October. British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!

NOVEMBER MASSES are generally offered for the Souls of our faithful departed loves ones. All of the Sunday Masses for November have already been booked out. However, if you would like a Mass intention for one of the weekday Masses - please let us know asap; these dates will also be booked very quickly. Please contact Mandy in the office. (Wednesday & Thursday mornings). The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford. If you can Gift-Aid your offering using the blue envelope, this makes your offering go further with no additional cost to you. Your Mass offering directly supports the work we do in our church. Thank you.

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.
Sun 24th Nov - Lourdes Soup Sunday 11.30– 3pm
Fri 29th Nov - Sun 1st Dec Big Give Weekend. Raising funds for the Hall Renovation
Fri 29th Nov - Beetle Drive - hall reno' fundraiser

THE LOURDES BRUNCH IS TAKING PLACE IN THE HALL THIS SUNDAY 11.30AM –3.00PM Do come along and support this Lourdes event …. it saves you cooking! 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. All welcome. Adults £10 & under10's are £5. Go on … treat yourself!

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.

HALL RENOVATION UPDATE The tender process ended on Friday and the companies tendering for the business have submitted their costing. Our Surveyor is currently evaluating these - more news on this soon. Over the past few months we have made applications to 15 Charities, Trusts and Foundations for assistance with our reno'. The National Lottery & Sisters of the Holy Cross awarded us a total of £28,464. Four charities so far have indicated they cannot assist. We await outcomes from the others. Now we need to harness our own fundraising efforts. A few months back we enjoyed a brilliant musical evening which raised over £1000 — see details of the next one further on in this Newsletter! On Friday 29th Nov we begin our ***BIG GIVE WEEKEND*** With a 'Beetle Drive' in the Hall, look out for posters. Over that weekend we simply ask you to think, to pray and to give what you can in support of our Renovation. Most of us have used the Hall at some point in the past, be that for First Holy Communion classes for our children, Confirmation, RCIA, Panto, other social events, Sunday refreshments or have been involved in other hall user groups - so now we want to secure its future for the next 30 years. On Sunday 1st Dec. (1st Sunday of Advent) Fr Shaun will be taking up the '*Big Baked Bean Challenge'* - the more donations come in, the more he will be baked beaned - literally! We hope to live stream the event to encourage online donations and there'll be a *Just Giving* Page to get our families and friends to join in and support us as well. More events are coming up, so watch this space.

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**.**

MUSIC NIGHT SATURDAY 16th Nov 7.30 pm to 10pm - variety of music. Fundraising event for hall refurbishment. Admission is free, but donations would be appreciated. No bar but please bring your own drinks. More information from Chris Smyth.

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.

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. Thank you.



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. Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £242.70 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online through September averaged £978.33 . Thank you, as always - you are brilliant!

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.

OPPOSE ASSISTED DYING For us as Catholics, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. The Catholic Bishops are urging all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide and calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose Assisted Dying. Write to your MP and have your voice heard. See these links here:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/
https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-calls-on-catholics-to-take-action-and-oppose-assisted-suicide/

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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