THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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)
Mon 28 Oct	ST SIMON & ST JUDE, Apostles	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 29 Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai (Diocesan)	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis and Orlando - for their ongoing medical treatment and healing
Wed 30 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For the Hall Renovation and for all involved in bringing this to fruition
Thurs 31 Oct	Feria **Vigil Mass for ALL SAINTS**	Mass at 9.30am **Mass at 7.00pm**	For a private intention Pro populo - for the people of our parish
Fri ✠ 01 Nov	**ALL SAINTS**	**Mass at 9.30am**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish
Sat 02 Nov	**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**	Mass at 10.00am Blessing of Graves at 12.00	For the souls of the faithful departed
Sun ✠ 03 Nov	**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** (Note new Mass time) **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For David Andrews RIP Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Emily Theobalds 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 4.15pm - 4.45pm (from 2nd Nov)
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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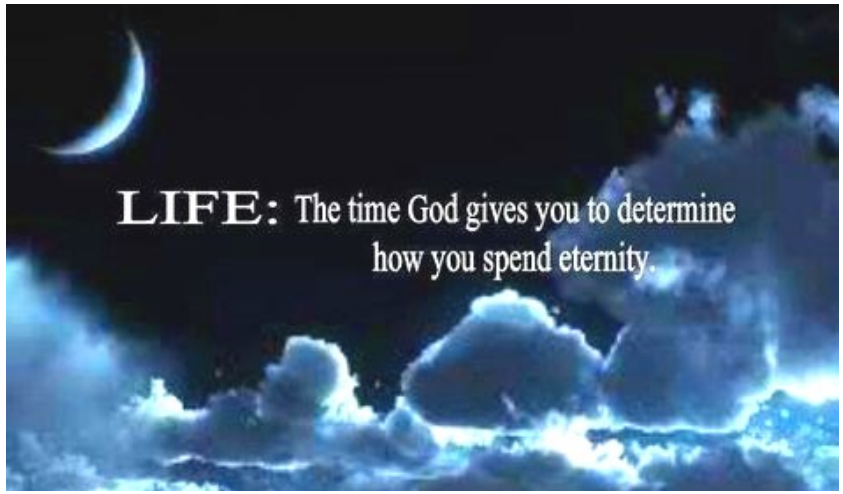
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 27th October 2024
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

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All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways. There is always a message that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus, the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away their tears and restoring comfort. Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age, we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away. Jesus's work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him, in doing what we can, to bring that comfort, which is the Kingdom of God, to all in need.

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.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY:

All Saints: (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses:
Vigil Mass: This coming Thurs 31st Oct at 7.00pm & this Fri 1st Nov at 9.30am - wherever you may be, please do your best to attend Mass.
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 but usual Masses at 5.00pm Sat Vigil and Sunday 8.30am
16th Nov. Music Night in the Hall - 7.30pm
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 - 7.00pm in the hall
Sun 1st Dec - *'Fr Shaun's Big Beanz Challenge'*

FROM NEXT WEEK - SAT EVE VIGIL MASS the new Mass time of 5.00pm begins, (Sat 2nd November). Thank you again for your help in arriving at this decision. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is now available at the earlier time of 4.15pm - 4.45pm before Mass begins.

ALL SOULS' SHEETS, to list the names of your departed loved ones, will be available next week. These will be placed before the altar during the month of November.

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.

MUSIC NIGHT SATURDAY 16TH NOV 7.30pm to 10.00pm - 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.

BEETLE DRIVE, FRIDAY 29TH NOV: in the Hall beginning at 7.00pm Licensed Bar & nibbles. Never heard of a Beetle Drive? Come and have a go at this game - it's great fun and we promise - there are no live (or dead) beetles! Sign up sheet for tickets available soon.

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.

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.

PLEASE 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. Remember the words of Cardinal Vincent: "Be careful what you wish for - A right to die, can become a duty to die" 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/

BIG GIVE WEEKEND: FRI 29TH NOV - SUN 1ST DEC.
Why? The cost of the hall renovation is beyond what was first envisaged. This is in part, due to the need to replace the electrical wiring which has been added onto over many years. The renovation of the hall will allow us to serve more people by making the hall more fully accessible and usable for a broader range of activities and groups, including those with specific needs like mobility issues. Your kind donations will help to get us closer to our final goal.
Where will your donations and fundraising go? Your donations will help us to add new energy-efficient lighting, together with a full electrical rewire of our hall to reduce our energy costs. You'll be helping us to provide a new entrance corridor from the church directly into the hall to improve safety and accessibility. Your donations will help to provide two new toilets and a fully accessible one, so all our users can comfortably use the space. Your donations will go towards the white goods in the new kitchen to facilitate community meals and events and you'll be helping towards baby-changing facilities for families, to make life just a little bit easier. Your generosity will also help us to provide an eco-friendly heating system for the hall and the church with two modern boilers instead of the current four, to further reduce our carbon footprint, address high running costs and provide more efficient heating. Redecoration and new storage will create a brighter and more practical space for all and of course, updated fire prevention measures will ensure the safety of all hall users.
How much? Our building surveyor is currently adjudicating the tender returns from building contractors — we will know more accurate amounts soon, but the surveyor has estimated the hall reno' will total £243,000. We have funds including church savings, grants, donations and fundraising amounts. We are still waiting on results from additional grant applications. If we can raise a minimum of £50,000 which is a big ask, we will be close to achieving our goal. This is why your church is asking for your support to harness our fundraising amongst ourselves and with help from family, friends and work colleagues as well. Thanks as always, for all that you do.

Fr Shaun.

'BIG BEANZ CHALLENGE' SUNDAY *1st December* in the hall at around 11.45am. Fr Shaun will be taking up the *'Big Beanz Challenge'* We hope to live stream the event on the day to encourage online donations from further afield. You can see a *`Big Beanz Challenge`* page on our web site. You can view the page and a super short video with Fr Shaun and George, the Labrador!
Fr Shaun's Big Beanz Challenge – Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton or

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/fr-shauns-big-beanz-challenge/

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.

LAST WEEKEND the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £248.75 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online throughout September averaged £978.33 . Thank you, as always - you are brilliant!

THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS has declared that from Advent 2024 the new liturgical year will be a Year of Jubilee, titled *Jubilee 25 - Pilgrims of Hope.* We shall hear more about the Jubilee over the coming weeks.

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
Steve Mandela Ananga 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.
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