THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 10 Nov 	**32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** (Note new Mass time) **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Ian Semple RIP For the War Dead RIP
Mon 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 12 Nov	St Josaphat. Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Christine Cassar RIP
Wed 13 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Neil RIP
Thurs 14 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Karen Bull - for God's presence
Fri 15 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For David Andrews RIP
Sat 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop (Diocesan)	Mass at 10.00am	For Danny Cronin RIP
Sun ✠ 17 Nov	**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Teresa Almeida RIP For Reg & Rita Day RIP

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 or by arrangement
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 10th November 2024
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Weekly Newsletter



Saint Paul tells us that God does not have favourites, but God always makes a special place for the poor and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel, God invited the people to have special care for the widows and orphans - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance.

The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life and in return showed us unending life. The widow, in the first reading, gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply.

We don't immediately realise where Jesus was when he teaches about the widow's generosity. He was sitting next to the temple "treasury", watching people's generosity, but also what people held onto.

What would you have done, if you had been in the temple that day? Would anything change for you, if Jesus was an usher taking up the weekly collection here this Sunday? This is the challenge for us: what do we offer in thanksgiving to God and his Church? How does this compare with our weekly *takeaway* coffee bill or perhaps our weekly newspapers or magazines? What will our reward be?

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 REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY Sally Dick will represent SJF Church for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, laying a poppy wreath on our behalf. The Sunday 10.30am Mass will be offered for the War Dead.

ALL SOULS' SHEETS, to list the names of your departed loved ones, are available. These can be returned to the basket placed in front of the altar during the month of November.

NOVEMBER SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are still available for £5, on which to add the names of your departed loved ones. These candles will burn in the church during the month of November whilst the stock lasts. Pick up a names label from the Repository at the church entrance. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP? Do you have an android tablet or phone that you no longer need which we could have to extend our contactless machine to the hall and possibly beyond? The system requirements are a smartphone or a tablet with: Android 11 or later (2021+); Bluetooth 4.0; Wi-Fi. Please let Fr Shaun, Mandy or Traci know if you are able to help please.

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**.**

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.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sat 16th Nov - Music Night in the hall, 7.30pm
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
Sun 24th Nov - usual Sunday Masses.
Sun 8th Dec - Lourdes Soup Sunday 11.30am (note date change)
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'*

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at the age of 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 72 retired priests, at a cost of £976,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.
You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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. Full details - leaflet in the church porch. Raffle prizes - donations appreciated, please place them in the box in church porch. 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 now in the church porch.

LOURDES BIG TREE NIGHT STALL The Lourdes team have booked their stall for the Big Tree Night on the 11th Dec and are looking forward to getting festive with the rest of the Shepperton community. We are planning to run a Christmas Tombola with prizes such as bottles, chocolates, sweets, gifts….. anything festive. If you are able to donate something for our stall, please can you leave in the porch in the box marked "Lourdes". Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and we hope to see you at Big Tree Night.

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. Your kind support 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 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 see the page and a super short video with Fr Shaun and George, the Labrador by capturing this QR code on your mobile phone camera or go to:
Fr Shaun's Big Beanz Challenge – Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton

LAST WEEKEND the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £284.91 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online throughout October averaged £988.96 As always, thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for Stuart Babington - for his ongoing medical treatment.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Steve Mandela Ananga RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER
Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood, Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray, Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis, Mary Ange Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan, Richard Caplis, Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating, Mary Weathers, Caroline Pegley, Winifred Lockwood, Joan Colnbrook, Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons, June Ryan, Austin Jennings.
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