THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 18 Nov	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 19 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For deceased members of the Pepper Family RIP
Wed 20 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Jock & Peggy Fortune RIP
Thurs 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving for Isaias who celebrates his 7th birthday on 24th November
Fri 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Frank Mescall RIP (anniversary)
Sat 23 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the Holy Souls
Sun ✠ 24 Nov	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** (CHRIST THE KING)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Arthur (Ken) Johnson RIP (Birthday) For Winnie Lockwood 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 cycle Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2 - Wk 33
Divine Office Wk 1

Sunday 17th November 2024
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, speak of heavenly battles and being prepared. In the first reading we hear of St. Michael the Archangel who is a guardian. The psalm boldly proclaims: "Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you." In the second reading, St Paul encourages us with the news that Jesus Christ has made the perfect offering for us. And in the Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of the coming darkness and tells us to be ready.

In this weekend of angels and archangels, of spiritual battles and making ourselves ready, the prayer of St Michael the Archangel, is a good prayer to memorise and to use daily to counter the darkness of our own spiritual battles, against the evil one.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan
and all evil spirits who wander through the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

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.



The Royal Mail is celebrating Christmas 2024 with a series of five special stamps, featuring original illustrations of cathedrals from across the UK. Westminster Cathedral is one of them! *The stamp that features Westminster Cathedral has a value of £2.80. This covers the new international standard rate for letters as of 1st October. You can buy the Christmas stamps by visiting the Royal Mail website. You can also purchase from Post Offices or by phoning 03457 641641.*

THOUGHT ABOUT TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER ? The Diocese of Westminster is funding internships for Catholic undergraduates in the second year of University to experience life as a Secondary RE teacher or Primary class teacher in 2025. Is God calling you to this important role in support of our youngsters? To find out more information email: catherinemcmahon@rcdow.org.uk

THANK YOU. Our recent collection for **CAFOD** raised £499.90 Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

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 us know in the office if you can help. Thank you.

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.

ASSISTED DYING BILL – the vote will take place in Parliament on 29th Nov. It is vital that this Bill is defeated. *Not Dead Yet, is* a network of people with disabilities who oppose this Bill. They have produced postcards for anyone to send to their MP. Please take one from the back of the Church, complete it and send it to your MP. Remember to add a postage stamp! Thank you.

THE DOUGH SHACK our weekly pizza van has moved from Thursdays to Wednesdays. They will be parked outside the Church from 5-8pm, every Wednesday. Please support them.

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 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.

ALL SOULS' SHEETS, are available. These can be returned to the basket in front of the altar during the month of November. We are down to our last few **7 day memorial candles.**

LAST WEEKEND the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £203.21 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online throughout October averaged £988.96 As always, thank you.

'BIG BEANZ CHALLENGE' SUNDAY *1st December* in the hall at around 11.45am. Fr Shaun will be taking up the *'Big Beanz Challenge'* We will 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. 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

THIS WEEKEND, PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND SECOND COLLECTION.
Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. Last year, the Diocese provided care to 72 retired priests, at a cost of £976,000. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bucket today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available at the back of the church. The envelopes and poster feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
Sun 24th Nov - usual Sunday Masses.
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'*
Sun 8th Dec - Lourdes Soup Sunday 11.30am

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!

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 and 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. You'll be helping 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, church savings, grants, donations and fundraising amounts. We are still waiting on results from a few 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.

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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