THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 25 Nov	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 26 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Elaine Beaton - Private Intention
Wed 27 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Sr Nuala Raleigh with get well wishes
Thurs 28 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For members of the Boyle & Hamill Families RIP
Fri 29 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Tim Aherne RIP (anniversary)
Sat 30 Nov	ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	Mass at 10.00am	For George & Elizabeth Killingbeck RIP
Sun ✠ 01 Dec	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **THE BIG GIVE WEEKEND**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Winston Lennox Quashie 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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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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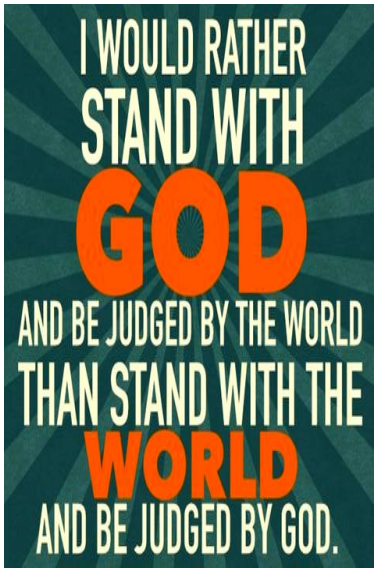
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2 - Wk 34
Divine Office Wk 2

Sunday 24th November 2024
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King, Year B, speak of heavenly battles and being prepared. In the first reading, Daniel foretells the Son of Man coming to rule the world with an unending kingship. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse), describes our King coming in glory. And in the holy Gospel, Pilate questions Jesus about his kingdom and Jesus reveals, that it is not like a worldly kingdom.



A Prayer to Christ the King
(Based on Psalm 93)

Lord God, you are King of all.
You are stronger than everything else.
You hold all of creation steady in your hand.
You are everlasting.
Lord God, you are King of all.
You are mightier than the storms in my life.
They are nothing before your power.
Lord God, you are King of all.
I will praise and worship you all my days.
You are eternal and a mystery.
Amen.

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Berangere Bacquey who will receive the beautiful Sacrament of Holy Confirmation at our 10.30am Sunday Mass.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: Thank you to all who made a donation to the Fund last weekend. Your collective generosity raised £446.57p for this important fund, supporting priests who are sick and/or in retirement, having served faithfully in parishes across our Diocese. Thank you!

IMPORTANT SCAM ALERT: Our Diocese has informed all parishes of a rise in scam emails targeting parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. Some parishioners in other parishes are falling victim to these scams. To be absolutely clear, I would never ask parishioners to buy gift cards as gifts, either for me or for someone else via email. If you are ever suspicious about an email from the parish office please contact us directly by telephone to check and we will be happy to assist. Fr Shaun .

FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT the Catholic Churches in England, Wales and Scotland will be using the New Translation of the Lectionary. The readings for the Holy Mass will now come from the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Holy Bible. If you have your own older copy of the Sunday Missal or Weekday Missal, these will sadly, be out of date. Our New Books (Lectionaries) will be blessed at the 10.00am Saturday morning Mass on 30th Nov. in preparation for their use. We are very grateful to a generous parishioner who has paid for the 4 volumes required and gifted them to SJF Church. Deo Gratias - Thanks be to God.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER - BAMBINELLI SUNDAY
A beautiful Advent Tradition, instituted by Pope St John Paul II during his Papacy is being continued in parishes around the world. Families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their Christmas Cribs at home, to be blessed here at the 10.30am Sunday Mass on Sunday 15th December. This will encourage our young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend. *"It helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus."* (Pope Francis), Following the blessing, families are encouraged to take their 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it up and open it as a family on Christmas morning, where the youngest member places it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas. Remember the date for your diary .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: Registration forms will be available soon. The programme starts Tuesday 14th January 2025, 5.00 - 6.00pm and every Tuesday following, except half term and school Easter holidays. The programme has a duration of 14 weeks. In this time of preparation for the Sacraments, attendance throughout the whole programme and at Mass every week should be a priority over other activities. First Reconciliation (confession) will take place in church on Saturday 8th March at 12.00noon. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday 10th May at 11.00am. To ensure all children begin at the same level, children should know by heart, the Our Father (Lord's Prayer) and the Hail Mary before the programme begins.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH! Do please encourage your children to attend Little Church at the 10.30am Sunday Mass (maybe even go along with them).

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW: last weekend we launched our new Prize Draw. 1st Prize, Harrods Hamper, 2nd Prize, Daines & Gray turkey (serves 8 -10). 3rd Prize, bottle of vintage port and we have a bonus 4th Prize, of a computer games package. Tickets are £5 for a book of five or £1 each, available at the end of all Sunday Masses. All counter foils and monies should be returned by Sat 14th Dec latest please. The Christmas Prize Draw will take place on Sunday 15th Dec. All proceeds will go towards the hall renovation. We had a tremendous response last weekend. Thank you to our sellers, buyers and prize givers.

LAST WEEKEND the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £238.25 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

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY:
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?** 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. Like me, I hope that you will think and pray about how you can help and support your church. Thank you as always. Fr Shaun.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for Mary Crowley

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
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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