THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 19 Jan	**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Francis & Orlando - for healing. Pro populo - for the people of our parish For C.V. Pepper & his daughter Louise RIP
Mon 20 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 21 Jan	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For deceased members of the O' Malley Family RIP
Wed 22 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	Intentions of the Lenehan family
Thurs 23 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For John Brown RIP (Birthday)
Fri 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am **FUNERAL MASS 11.30AM**	In thanksgiving for Kieryn Humphreys **For Mandy Mollentze RIP**
Sat 25 Jan	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	Mass at 10.00am	In thanksgiving: anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Shaun
Sun ✠ 26 Jan	**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro populo - for the people of our parish For Margaret Tuck RIP For Shirley - a private intention

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is usually 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

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Sunday 19th January 2025
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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God often reveals his glory in the unlikeliest of places – in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgotha. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public miracle or sign which Jesus did. The Lord Jesus blessed a young couple and brought joy to their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but saving the best wine until last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105:). That Jesus would miraculously produce 120 gallons of the best wine (many times more than was needed) shows the superabundance of the blessings which he came to offer.

This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age, when he comes again in his glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose that we, too, might be raised up and glorified with him. As "Ordinary Time" begins, once more let us thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings that he offers to us.

Happy Sunday!

WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, or if you happen to be visiting, or you are a returning Catholic after some time away, you are very welcome. It's good to have you with us. All Masses here are live streamed, offering a valuable link for those who are incapacitated and unable to get to Mass. If you are unwell, just go to *You Tube* and type in the search box: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. But as always we enjoy having you with us here in person.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE - Sunday 19th January
As is customary, on Sunday 19th January, the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church in England and Wales marks the 58th World Day of Peace. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is 'Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace'.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: From 18th-25th January, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, in other Christian communities, especially those in Shepperton and the surrounding areas. We pray that one day we may be as one Church.

JUBILEE YEAR INFORMATION Make a Pilgrimage to a Sacred Jubilee Site. In our Diocese of Westminster, the following sites have been decreed as Jubilee Churches:
Westminster Cathedral
St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
Corpus Christi, Covent Garden
The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

WESTMINSTER WAY PILGRIM WALK
Available online are resources to walk the 'Westminster Way', including a Leader's Guide and Pilgrim Passport. This pathway takes pilgrims through Central London, in the steps of the saints as 'beacons of hope'. Starting at English Martyrs, Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral, pilgrims are invited to look closely at different expressions of sainthood and the saints who embody them. Find out more at https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped to clear away the Christmas decorations, trees, festoon lights, and the Crib - getting the church back into the green, Ordinary Time of the year. What a tremendous effort - thank you all, you are brilliant!

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK At 2.00pm on Saturday 8th February at Westminster Cathedral, the Cardinal will be celebrating the annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, including Anointing of the Sick. This is a beautiful Mass attended by thousands each year from across the Diocese. If anyone is interested in attending, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the porch and we will be in touch with more details. The Cathedral is easy to reach via train, but we can organise transport for anyone who may struggle with public transport. Lourdes Group **Additionally**… If you would like to attend this Mass to be anointed, please order your tickets via Mandy in the Parish Office. Tickets are in three categories: Wheelchair users who require anointing; walking sick who require anointing; those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing. Please be clear in your request which ticket/s you would like Mandy to order for you.

MANDY MOLLENTZE RIP: The Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Mandy will take place this coming Friday 24th January at 11.30am. Please do pray for Mandy and keep Antoinette and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

JOE DELAHUNTY RIP: The Funeral Mass for the repose of Joe's soul will take place on Friday 7th February at 1.00pm. Please do pray for Joe and his family at this difficult time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2025 HAS NOW STARTED. Parents please ensure that your children complete their homework each week and do please take an interest in their workbooks. We greatly appreciate the work of our catechists who give their time voluntarily, assisting parents (the first educators), in teaching the faith to our youngsters.

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.

BURNS SUPPER NIGHT: Saturday 1st February in the Church Hall at 7.00pm. An evening not to be missed, good entertainment and a traditional two course Burns Night Supper with a whiskey toast included. Tickets on sale now £20.00 after each Sat Evening and Sunday Mass. This is a charity evening in aid of the SJF Lourdes Fund. This will be the last main event in the hall before handover to the building contractors.

LITTLE CHURCH IS BACK AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS. We start in Church and the children go off to the hall for their own teaching. 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

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS A very Happy New Year from the Lourdes group. We just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their continuous support with the Lourdes Fundraising. We couldn't do it without you. We have a challenge this year to raise money without the use of the hall – we are going to have to get creative. So, if anyone has any unwanted Christmas gifts or leftover chocolates and bottles, please consider donating them to the Lourdes group – we are planning a massive tombola for the Shepperton Fair later this year. If you have any items to donate there will be a box in the porch for the next couple of weeks. Thank you again. Katrina.

COLLECTIONS AT MASS: Loose giving in the plate last weekend was £228.92 Our weekend loose offertory collection continues for all who do not use a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. December Online, Contactless and Standing Orders averaged £1,166.65 per week. Whatever way you support our work here at SJF, thankyou so much, we couldn't do it without you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Sunday 2nd February: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: (Candlemas)
Wednesday 5th March: ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm — Lent begins
Saturday 8th March: First Reconciliation: 12.00 noon. (For First Holy Communion Children)
Sunday 9th March: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information including the requirements for Catholic godparents, are available from the church porch table.

GREAT NEWS: Our hall renovation will get underway on 17th February for 14 weeks. There will be some mobilisation of the contractor in the car park beforehand. We understand that parking will remain available for parishioners, with a space cordoned off for the contractors. We will have more information following a pre-start meeting at the end of January.

HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: It may be helpful to know that the Mass bookings for Sundays are booked up months in advance and therefore if you require a specific date in the year, you may want to consider speaking to Mandy in the office (Wednesday and Thursday mornings), asap. Weekday Masses are much easier to book.

The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford. It's helpful, if you are making a written request with an envelope posted or given to Fr Shaun at Mass, to please add your name and contact details so we can advise when the Mass will be offered. We will do our very best to accommodate your preferred date.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
Catherine Lowe

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
JOE DELAHUNTY RIP
FOR MANDY MOLLENTZE RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY
Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson, Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane, Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson, Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson, Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi, Margaret Walker, Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel, Tony Hill, Frances Reynolds, Jarek Jedrzejowski.
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