THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 22 June	**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST** (Corpus et Sanguis Christi)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maria and Filippo Bernardinis RIP For Ainsley Godfrey RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 23 June	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 24 June	**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**	Mass at 9.30am	For a private intention
Wed 25 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis Paul RIP
Thurs 26 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving for those working on our hall renovation
Fri 27 June	**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**	Mass at 9.30am	For Orlando and all who are receiving medical treatment at this time
Sat 28 June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Mass at 10.00am	For those men preparing for Ordination at Westminster Cathedral
Sun ✠ 29 June	**ST PETER & ST PAUL, Apostles**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Miranda - family intentions For George Derrington RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass - suspended during refurbishment
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning - suspended during refurbishment
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
Prayer Request Box: at the back of the church. **✠ = Holy Day of Obligation**

HAVE A HOLY MASS OFFERED for your intentions: speak to Mandy in the office (Wed or Thurs AM) to book your date. If you are making a written request please add your name and contact details.

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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:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings:
Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 12
Psalter week 4

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 22nd June 2025
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
Corpus et Sanguis Christi
Weekly Newsletter

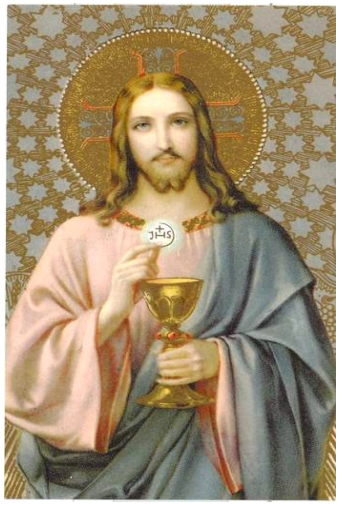


The Eucharist isn't something the Church made up — it is part of God's loving plan for us from the very beginning. We catch a glimpse of this in the Old Testament, in today's first reading, where the priest Melchizedek offers bread and wine. And we see it even more clearly in the life of Jesus, especially when he feeds the five thousand, a moment that points us toward the even greater gift he would give: himself, in the transubstantiated bread and wine for all time. The Eucharist, Jesus' Body and Blood isn't just a symbol; It's real. It's how we come into communion with the Father, through the Holy Spirit. This is how God chooses to be with us, here and now.

In this sacred meal, we find everything: a covenant of love, a memorial of sacrifice, a promise of eternal life. It's the beating heart of our faith community, and the nourishment we need for the journey ahead.

Saint John Paul II once said, "The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom."

We can feel this truth in our own lives. When we come to the Altar, sometimes joyful, sometimes weary and at other times desperately sad, we are met by Christ himself who says "This is my Body" – this is ME, coming to stay with you! He knows us. He welcomes us. He feeds us.



So today, we come forward with open hearts. We receive Jesus in Holy Communion with reverence and gratitude.

Let's carry Jesus' presence with us — into our homes, workplaces, our conversations, and choices. The love we receive at the Altar isn't meant to stay there. It's meant to be lived, shared, and passed on.

Have a good Sunday!

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
AS WE CELEBRATE
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD
OF CHRIST

ALL OUR MASSES are live streamed at SJF, offering a valuable link for those who are 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 in person.

FRANCIS PAUL - with sorrowful hearts we pray for young Francis who died at home on Wednesday night. Francis was 8 years old and had been really poorly for the past two years. Francis had an enormous faith and it was his wish that he made his First Holy Communion - he did so on Saturday 17th May. As we pray for Francis, knowing that the angels are guiding him to Jesus, we pray also for Paul and Tesmi his parents and his younger sister Elsbeth who are heart broken. Paul and Tesmi wanted you to know that Francis was always grateful for your prayers during his illness - he would have wanted to thank you personally.
May St Francis, Blessed Carlo Acutis and Mary the Mother of the Lord, pray for them all.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH BERNARD AND PIR
Thank you to everyone who attended the Fundraising Tea Party for Lourdes – despite the rain! It was a very successful afternoon which raised a wonderful amount of £1,120. This will go to support the Redcaps and assisted pilgrims on their journey to Lourdes.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the Shepperton Fair Tombola that took place last weekend. It was a fabulous day, and we raised £545.00 for the Lourdes fund – our best efforts yet. We are very grateful, as always, for your generosity.

WELL DONE TO OLEEN (Olly), one of our brilliant Altar Servers (10.30am Sunday Mass). Olly has been chosen to run for the District in athletic competitions. Keep up the good work Olly!

CALLING ALL ADULTS If you are a Catholic adult but have missed out on being Confirmed, or you are a non Catholic, thinking about becoming a Catholic, a new preparation group, especially for adults will be starting later in the year. The group will be run by me (with some additional helpers) and will be tailored directly to those in the group. If this might be of interest to you, please email me at: shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk Fr Shaun.

APOLOGIES - we are still without toilets, whilst the hall renovations continue. We are almost there!

IS THERE A VOLUNTEER AT SJF who you would like to nominate for the 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards? For more information and to nominate a volunteer or volunteer team, please visit: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/awards/ or you can email directly on: cvs@rcdow.org.uk. Nominations close on 31st July. You can see the poster on the notice board in the porch and flyers are also available there.

O SACRED HEART: The month of June holds a special place in the hearts of many Christians as the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—a profound symbol of divine love, mercy, and compassion. Rooted in centuries of devotion, this sacred tradition invites the faithful to contemplate the boundless love of Christ, who gave his heart for the salvation of humanity. The image of the Sacred Heart, often depicted aflame and encircled with thorns, speaks to both the suffering and the passionate love of Jesus. It is a call to deeper intimacy with God, to trust in His mercy, and to respond with love and reparation for the wounds inflicted by sin.
Throughout June, many participate in special prayers, novenas, and acts of consecration, drawing closer to the heart that beats with eternal love. It is a time of renewal, healing, and grace—a reminder that no matter how distant we may feel, the heart of Jesus is always open, always welcoming.



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 regarding godparents are available from the church porch table.

LITTLE CHURCH - following the Summer holidays we will be restarting Little Church, which takes place during the first part of the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We currently have 5 leaders, but we need 12! Two people working together each week, on a six week cycle. So we really do need your help . Experience is not required - we will get you started. We will need to know soon so as to ensure leaders have their safeguarding certificates in place. If you are interested, please speak with Fr Shaun - even if you just want to know more.

ALL BABIES DESERVE A RIGHT TO LIFE! (UPDATE)
Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has commented on MPs passing an amendment on the decriminalisation of abortion during the debate on the Crime and Policing Bill on Tuesday, 17 June:
"Today, Parliament passed an amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, that effectively decriminalises abortion in England and Wales. We are deeply alarmed by this decision. Our alarm arises from our compassion for both mothers and unborn babies.
"New Clause 1 lifts any criminal liability for women performing their abortions for any reason, at any time, including up to and during birth. This decision significantly reduces the protection of unborn lives and will result in grave harm for pregnant women. Women will be even more vulnerable to manipulation, coerced and forced abortions. This legal change will also discourage medical consultation and make the use of abortion pills for dangerous late-term, at-home abortions more likely.
"Abortion is often chosen because of the personal challenges that a woman faces, as well as the lack of proper suitable guidance and support. The enacting of New Clause 1 will result in women being more alone, vulnerable, and isolated.
"However, we cannot lose hope. The Church keeps working tirelessly to protect the dignity of every life. We will not abandon pregnant women and their unborn children in their most vulnerable moment. I thank all those within and outside the Church who share this commitment and continue to serve parents in need and their babies.
"Let us continue to pray and commend the lives of these women, children, their families, and all who support them to the maternal intercession of Our Lady, Mother of God."

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS is currently suspended. Please encourage your children to use the Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals during the Mass. Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW… it is now possible to make your donations and contributions stretch even further. Many parishioners know they can Gift Aid their weekly donations, through the Bank or Card Machine or by using the Blue envelope (from the back of the church) for cash. But did you know that if you have a Mass offered for your intentions, or if you sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Light - you can Gift Aid your offering. Also if you have a Holy Baptism here or are arranging to get Married at SJF your offerings/ donations can also be Gift Aided. You don't give any extra, but the Tax Office gives the church here 25p for ever pound that you donate.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:
Last weekend loose collections: £230.03 Standing orders/online & card donations for the month of May were £952.83 per week. Whatever way you support the continuing work we do here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all the good things we do without your support.

SAVE THE DATE: SAT 19TH JULY SJF FAMILY FUN DAY 12.00 noon - 4.00pm Bar-B-Q, Ice cream Van, Bar, Music and some other things in store!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
Francis Paul RIP
and for his parents, Paul and Tesmi
and his younger sister Elsbeth

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
For Francis Paul RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUNE
William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson,
Neville Grose, John Butterworth,
Ann Llewellyn, Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien,
Albert Sawyer, Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook
Eileen Kelly, Reginald Snell, Bernadette Pepper,
Louis James Rogers (toddler)
Tom Bermingham, David Boyce, Julian Rugseth,
Peggy Johnstone, Theo Morris,
Henrietta Sawbridge.
Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord