THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 31 Aug	**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Brian Biggins RIP Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Juliet da Costa—RIP
Mon 01 Sept	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 02 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the healing of Orlando dos Santos III
Wed 03 Sept	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary Follows Mass**	For Elsbeth Paul - celebrating her 5th birthday - in thanksgiving
Thurs 04 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tish Fogarty - in thanksgiving
Fri 05 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Alex Creedon - in thanksgiving
Sat 06 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the healing of young Julia Zamarrenho Sayao
Sun ✠ 07 Sept	**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For the intentions of Rosina Oliver For Orlando and for all children undergoing treatment in hospital

Holy Rosary Prayers: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is currently suspended but will resume on Fridays in September.
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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Lectionary Year 1
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Week 22
Psalter Week 2

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 31st August 2025
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday invites us to reconsider how we measure success and honour. Are we seeking recognition, or are we quietly serving where God has placed us? Humility is not about thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less. It is about making space for others, especially those who are overlooked.

Jesus' teaching challenges us to extend hospitality not for gain, but for love. To welcome those who cannot repay is to participate in the generosity of God. In doing so, we reflect the Kingdom where the last are first, and the humble are lifted high.

In a world that often rewards self-promotion and status, the Scriptures gently redirect our hearts toward the quiet strength of humility and the joy of serving others.

Let us ask for the grace to live humbly, love generously, and trust that God sees and honours every hidden act of kindness. Happy Sunday!

A short prayer asking for humility

Lord Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours.

Deliver me, O Jesus, from the desire for praise,
from the need to be admired,
from the fear of being forgotten or overlooked.

Grant me the grace to rejoice when others are preferred,
to be content in hiddenness, and to seek only your glory.

May I decrease, so that you may increase in me. Amen.

WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, it is great to have you with us, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself. All Masses at SJF are live streamed via YouTube: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through ill health.

We welcome Canon Colin Davies who will celebrate Mass for us this weekend.

FR SHAUN returns from annual leave on Tuesday morning, 2nd September.

CARDINAL VINCENT has welcomed the news that St John Henry Newman will become the 38th 'Doctor of the Church' Pope Leo XIV will officially declare St John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church. In a statement from the Holy See Press Office, Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, said that Pope Leo XIV has 'confirmed the affirmative opinion of the Plenary Session of Cardinals and Bishops, Members of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, regarding the title of Doctor of the Universal Church, which will soon be conferred on Saint John Henry Newman.'



Welcoming this news, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: 'I am delighted and thrilled that Pope Leo has today announced that he will declare St John Henry Newman to be a 'Doctor of the Church'.

'This request has been before the Holy See for some time, having received declarations of support from many different parts of the world and, of particular importance, from the Bishops of the Church of England. 'This recognition that the writings of St John Henry Newman are a true expression of the faith of the Church is of huge encouragement to all who appreciate not only his great learning but also his heroic sanctity in following the call of God in his journey of faith, which he described as 'heart speaking unto heart'.

'This moment brings back vivid memories of the Papal Visit in 2010 of Pope Benedict XVI to these countries when he declared the beatification of John Henry Newman. That moment now reaches its fulfilment and gives great joy to all who strive to follow Christ today.'

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass: Thank you to all who have joined the rota. All toilets and baby changing facilities are also now open for use.

THE RACE IS ON (AGAIN) WITH TORCHES AND TENSION! Dear St John Fisher family, On 20th September at 8pm, Parishioners Connor and Alison will once again lace up their trainers, don their glowing accessories, and head out for the Shine Night Walk London 10K, raising funds for **Cancer Research**. They did this before. Yes, they raised a glorious £875 between them last time. Yes, it brought out a slight — ahem — competitive spark in their marriage (they may or may not have been sneakily checking each other's fundraising pages daily). So naturally… they're doing it all again! And here's where YOU come in. They need your support — spiritually, emotionally, and most importantly, financially. But be warned: If you donate to Alison, you're investing in grace, humility, and the undisputed better walker. If you donate to Connor, well… you're fuelling a man who once tried to overtake someone on a zebra crossing "for the points." Either way, every penny goes to the incredible work of cancer research — supporting people in their time of need. So whether you're Team Wife or Team Husband, you're really Team support. Let the fundraising games begin!

For Connor's

Cancer Research

Giving Page

For Alison's

Cancer Research

Giving Page

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who regularly attend Mass here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism if at all possible takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, are available on the porch table **.**

SOMETHING SPECIAL TO LOOK FORWARD TO …
Sunday 5th October 4.00pm – 6.00pm in St. John Fisher Church. The Spelthorne Orchestra will be performing a concert for all the family to enjoy. All proceeds will go to the Church Hall Renovation and Lourdes funds. Please save the date!

ASSISTED SUICIDE UPDATE! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. **Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!**

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS will resume next Sunday 7th September. For now, please encourage your children to use the Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals during the Mass which are available next to the regular Mass sheets, at the back of the church. Thank you.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous, towards those who live locally, who are struggling at the moment.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES: Last weekend loose collections: £234.01. Standing orders/online & card donations for the month of June were £993.33 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.

PARISH WEB SITE: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here: Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

PLEASE PRAY for our young people returning to schools and colleges this week after the Summer break.

THE HOLY ROSARY for those who wish is now prayed in church on Wednesday mornings - see back page for details. If you would like to know how to pray this lovely devotion - just come along and you will be guided. You will be most welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR INFORMATION Make a Pilgrimage to a Sacred Jubilee Site. 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

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER or need to update your contact details? Please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online and drop it into the office here.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of September. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for available dates

BE FAMILIAR... with our church exit doors and routes. You may have been coming to SJF for many years or are at SJF for the first time. It's always a good idea to look around to see where your nearest exit route is, in the event that we ever need to evacuate our building at short notice. Thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
Lorna Troop RIP
and
Mandy Mollentze RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
MARGARET GANE RIP & BRIAN BIGGINS RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER
Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw, Clive Ross, Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross, Sheila Thompson, Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney, Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes.

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord