THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 21 Sept	**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Annual Mass Count 1)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Marian Miranda in thanksgiving For Kieran Reilly RIP (5th anniversary)
Mon 22 Sept	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina Priest (Padre Pio)	Mass at 9.30am	For the souls of departed members of the Mullahey family
Wed 24 Sept	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (National)	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary after Mass**	For Gertrude Mulvany RIP
Thurs 25 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joseph Prins RIP
Fri 26 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Followed by Exposition & Benediction**	For Laura Reynolds RIP
Sat 27 Sept	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00noon**	For Dave Cunningham RIP
Sun ✠ 28 Sept	**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Annual Mass Count 2)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Michele Windle RIP Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Moira Woods - birthday celebration

Holy Rosary Prayers: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is after Mass on Fridays.
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 25
Psalter Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 21st September 2025
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

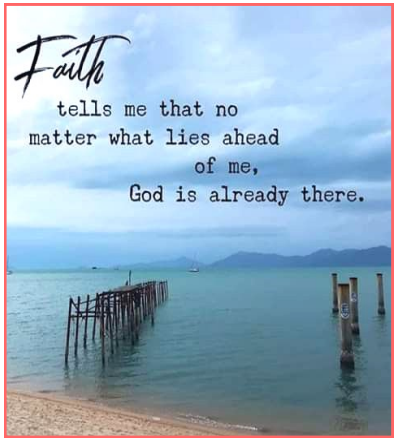


Are You Spiritually Awake?
This weekend the readings at our Holy Mass challenge us to reflect on our priorities. Are we as passionate and resourceful in seeking the Kingdom of God as we are in pursuing wealth, status, or success?

In the first reading, we are cautioned against exploiting others and reminded that justice matters to God. The psalm echoes this, assuring us that the Lord cares deeply for the poor and vulnerable. St. Paul, in the second reading, urges us to pray for everyone - especially those in positions of authority, so that we may live faith filled and peaceful lives. Then comes Jesus' parable of the Dishonest Steward. It's not dishonesty that Jesus commends, but the steward's urgency and cleverness. He acted decisively when the stakes were high.

Jesus is asking us: Do we show the same urgency and creativity in our spiritual lives as we do with everything else? This is a wake-up call... not to panic, but to reawaken our hearts and enliven our souls. Jesus is not just offering advice; the Lord is actively seeking to recapture our hearts and renew our purpose.

Happy Sunday!



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.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Isla Ruby O'Shea who received the beautiful initiation Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We keep baby Isla in our prayers and pray for her parents Emma & Brendan who have set her on a wonderful adventure of faith.



REMEMBERING FRANCIS PAUL: A Memorial Service for Francis who died in June aged 8 years will be at St John Fisher on Thursday 2nd October at 12.00noon, followed by refreshments in the hall. Parents: Paul and Tesmi, and little Elsbeth, Francis's sister warmly invite you to join them to give thanks for Francis, whose life was so full of meaning and love and light.

YOU ALL COUNT: The national Annual Mass count takes place at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend and for the next 3 weeks. The count measures attendance for each parish across the Catholic Church. The figures are then sent to our Diocesan Offices, to the Bishops' Conference and to the Vatican in Rome, to count attendance world wide. We also collate information regarding the life of our church, including figures relating to the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. Additionally we include the number of funerals which have taken place. If you spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

CALLING ASHFORD DRIVERS If you happen to live in Ashford and could offer a lift to one of our ladies to Mass at the weekend (even occasionally) please let Fr Shaun know and he will put you in contact. Thank you .

PRAYER REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church . Rosary Prayers are offered on Wed' following the 9.30am Mass**.**

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS has now resumed. Parents please help us to help you in teaching the faith to your little ones by encouraging your children to attend. If your child has already made their First Holy Communion, they can still attend Little Church and help the Catechists by sitting alongside our younger children and encouraging them. For those not in Little Church, Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals are available at the back of the church. Thank you.

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 at this time. Thank you for your continuing kindness to those in need.

A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that a family are regular at Mass, as practising Catholics. Certificates can be requested by Catholic families whose children are Baptised. This is an important document, but please do not embarrass Fr Shaun by requesting a certificate, if you are not attending Mass here regularly. If you happen to have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. Applications for children who are not Catholic or non practising, can still be made for Catholic schools without a certificate. Full details on eligibility at: Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service (rcdow.org.uk)

EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL There will be a Eucharistic Festival on Sat 11th Oct at 12:30 with Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, with Veneration of a Relic of the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis. The afternoon will also include Mass celebrated by the Cardinal, addresses by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Fr Alan Robinson, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: THURSDAY 23RD OCT.
NEWS ABOUT LOURDES - Open to all and meeting in the church hall at 7.00pm. More information to follow soon.

T BAKER & CO, ROADSHOW will be using our Hall on Thurs 9th Oct. 12.00noon - 5.00pm to offer a vintage valuation and buying service. You can read more about this company at: www.tbakerroadshow.co.uk

LOURDES BIG TREE NIGHT STALL The Lourdes team have booked their stall for the Big Tree Night on the 10th December 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.

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT 2026:
St. Anne's Catholic Primary School in Chertsey warmly invites prospective parents to attend one of their open events. Open Mornings will be held on Tues 23rd Sept. and Tues, 25th Nov at 9:30am. Open Afternoons will take place on Tues 7th Oct and Tues, 11th Nov at 1:30pm To book your visit, please visit their website or use the link below.
https://forms.office.com/e/yKGtZM3bt9

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND… BEETLE DRIVE - Friday 14th November. Tickets will be available in October.

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA TEAM are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales. The Tour will reach Westminster Cathedral on 26th October. More details here:
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/our-lady-of-fatima-relics-visit-england-and-wales/

LET THERE BE LIGHT - MUSIC CONCERT AT ST JOHN FISHER Sunday 5th Oct 4–6pm.(including interval) 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. You can buy or reserve your ticket for £10 which incudes a glass of vino. Children under 16 go free! Tickets go on sale to the public shortly, so reserve or buy yours today.

COLLECTIONS… Our weekend loose money offertory collection is really important and continues for those who do not use a bank standing order, use the card machine or make your offering on-line. Please assist the collectors, by passing the collection bags down the bench pew) when handed to you. SJF is self supporting, with no other assistance from the Diocese (or government except for your Gift Aid), Your kind donations support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF, thank you. Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £305.94 (week previous = £228.86.) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in August averaged £873.83pw (July = £933.33). Thank you, we can do so much with your support.

THE HOLY ROSARY for those who wish is 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.

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 very special thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are weeks available in September and going forward. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for available dates.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
has been sponsored this week for Maribel Rodrigo

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