THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 28 Sept (Mass count 2)	**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**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
Mon 29 Sept	Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr John Elliott RIP (8 yr. Anniversary)
Wed 01 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Jack Mulvany RIP
Thurs 02 Oct	Holy Guardian Angels	Mass at 9.30 **Memorial Service at 12.00 noon**	For Francis Paul RIP **For Francis Paul RIP**
Fri 03 Oct Cafod Fast Day	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Followed by Exposition & Benediction	For departed members of the O'Malley family RIP
Sat 04 Oct	St Francis of Assisi	No morning Mass (Evening Mass as normal)	
Sun ✠ 05 Oct (Mass Count 3)	**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Concert in Church-4.00pm)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	In thanksgiving for parishioners who prayed for Francis Paul over the months Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish In thanksgiving for parishioners who prayed for Francis Paul over the months

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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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle Readings Year C
Weekday readings: Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time Week 26
Psalter Week 2

Sunday 28th September 2025
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



Who is lying at *your* gate? Are there people in your life who are overlooked or in need? How can we respond with mercy and love?

This Sunday's readings present a powerful challenge to our comfort and complacency. The prophet Amos warns those who live in comfort while ignoring the suffering around them. His words are a call to justice, reminding us that God sees not only our actions but also our indifference.

The Psalm echoes this theme, praising the Lord who lifts up the lowly, feeds the hungry, and heals the broken. It is a song of hope for those who suffer and a reminder that God's justice is eternal.

In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and gentleness. These virtues are not passive; they require active commitment to living as true followers of Jesus.

The Gospel this Sunday brings us the striking parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man, clothed in fine garments and feasting daily, fails to see Lazarus, the poor man suffering at his gate. After death, their roles are reversed - Lazarus is comforted and the rich man is tormented. The parable reminds us that ignoring the suffering of others could well have eternal consequences. It's not wealth itself that is condemned, but the failure to use it with generosity and compassion.

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 Pollyanna Grace Hardy who received the beautiful initiation Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We keep baby Pollyanna in our prayers and pray for her parents Angela and Ben 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 held here this coming Thursday 2nd Oct 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 2 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3rd October. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Take away the CAFOD envelope fropm church and return it next weekend, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

JOB VACANCIES There are currently 8 salaried posts listed on the Westminster Diocesan website. If you are looking for something different you can visit the page here: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY SEPT 2026 ENTRY. Sixth Form Open Evening Wednesday 1st Oct from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30 pm.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE - SEPT 2026 ENTRY. Applications for our Primary, High School and Sixth Form are now open. If you would like to visit the college, tours are running every Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am for High School every Friday morning at 9:30am for Primary. visit https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/admission/ for more information.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Chertsey, Open Morning will be held on 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, visit their website or use the link below. https://forms.office.com/e/yKGtZM3bt9

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA TEAM National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Tour. 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/

CONCERT AT ST JOHN FISHER Next 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! Buy reserve your ticket after Mass.

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.

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

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY: NOVEMBER 2025
Sunday 2nd Nov: ALL SAINTS: Holy Day of Obligation. Usual weekend Mass times
Monday 3rd Nov: ALL SOULS' DAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Mass at 9.30am.
Saturday 8th Nov: 12 noon: Blessing of Graves at Sunbury Cemetery.
Sunday 9th Nov: Remembrance Sunday**:** 10.30am: Requiem Mass for the War Dead. (Other Masses as usual)
Tuesday 11th Nov: Mass for the Deceased Priests of the Deanery at 10.30am: All welcome. (There will be no 9.30am Mass on this day)
Sunday 23rd Nov: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: usual weekend Mass times.
Sunday 30th Nov: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: usual weekend Mass times.

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.

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 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 without a certificate. Full details on eligibility at: Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service (rcdow.org.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. see you at Big Tree Night.

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 £256.79 (week previous = £305.94) 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 BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
has been sponsored this week for Lorna Troop RIP & Mandy Mollentze RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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