THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 05 Oct (Mass count 3)	**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **Concert in the Church this afternoon at 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
Mon 06 Oct	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	No Mass - Apologies	
Wed 08 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary after Mass**	For Ben & Rosemary Green RIP
Thurs 09 Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest	Mass at 9.30 **(RCIA begins 7.30am-hall)**	For Una Karai
Fri 10 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Followed by Exposition & Benediction**	For Joshua Butler - for a full & speedy recovery
Sat 11 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism at 12.00noon**	For Peter Edwards RIP
Sun ✠ 12 Oct (Mass Count 4)	**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Theresa Aherne RIP (birthday) For Mario Coppi RIP (birthday)

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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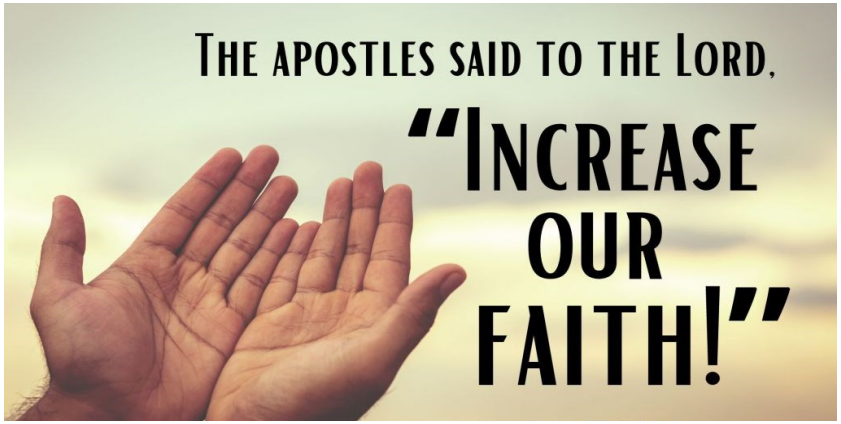
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To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings:
Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 27
Psalter Week 3

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 5th October 2025
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



The readings for Sunday invite us to reflect deeply on the nature of faith - not as something grand and dramatic, but as a quiet, persistent trust in God that grows through prayer, service, and perseverance.

In the Gospel (Luke 17:5–10), the Apostles ask Jesus, *"Increase our faith!"* His response is striking: *"If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed…"* It's not the quantity of faith that matters, but its authenticity. Even the smallest seed of faith, when nurtured, can grow into something powerful and transformative.

We are reminded that faith is not a passive feeling but an active relationship with God. It is lived out in the ordinary moments - when we forgive, when we serve without seeking reward, when we trust God even in uncertainty. Jesus uses the image of the servant who does his duty without expecting praise. In the same way, we are called to live our faith with humility, knowing that all we do is in response to God's grace.

The first reading from the Prophet Habakkuk speaks to those who feel weary or discouraged. *", O Lord, how long?"* is a cry many of us know well. But, even when answers are delayed, even when the world seems unjust, faith sustains us.

Whether our faith feels strong or fragile, God is at work. Let us ask Him to deepen our trust, to help us serve with joy, and to remember that even a mustard seed of faith can move mountains. So, watch out mountains!

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.

THANK YOU to all who came to the Memorial Service for young Francis Paul last Thursday. Your support was a great comfort to Paul, Tesmi and little Elsbeth.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? We warmly welcome all those beginning or continuing their journey through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), a path of discovery, faith, and transformation. Whether you're just curious or ready to take the next step, you're not alone! RCIA is open to any adult seeking to explore the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and prepare for the Sacraments. No pressure, no prerequisites — just an open heart and a willingness to journey together. We begin this coming Thursday, 9th Oct in the hall at 7.30pm. For more information please speak to Fr Shaun after Mass.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY. The second collection this weekend is for CAFOD. (**C**atholic **A**id **F**or **O**verseas **D**evelopment). Please leave your envelope or loose donations in the bucket by the front doors as you leave Mass. Thank you. Your kindness goes a long way to helping those people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

PAID INTERNSHIPS... Kickstart your career in a Catholic school with hands-on experience, mentorship, and growth opportunities. Make a difference in students' lives while developing your skills and faith. This is open to Catholic undergraduates in the second-year of university . See poster by the entrance for more details.

CONCERT AT ST JOHN FISHER This 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 or reserve your ticket after Mass.

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 IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOR RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2026
We invite you to join us for one of our Open Events for entry into Reception 2026. During your visit you will have an opportunity to tour the school, hear from our Headteacher and learn about life at St Ignatius. Our open day events take place on the following dates:
Tuesday 30th Sept 9:30 am, Wednesday 15th Oct 1:30 pm, Thursday 16th Oct 9:30 am and Monday 17th Nov 9:30 am. To book please call: 01932 785396 or go to www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk

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/

THE HOLY FATHER, POPE LEO is set to proclaim St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church during Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints, which will be celebrated in Saint Peter's Square on 1st November - in the context of the Jubilee of the World of Education.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. For those who wish, the Holy Rosary 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 this coming 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 shortly.

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.

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 £309.00 (week previous = £256.79) 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.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON TO THE LORD, AND SEE THE POSSIBILITIES HE HAS IN MIND FOR YOU!

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

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
THELMA BINGLE RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS OCTOBER
Frank Nagle, Peter King, Christopher Moran, Kitty Burden, Stella Loftus, Peter Willson, Anna Casey Clarke, Michael Hennessey, John Broadhurst, Suzannah Spiller, John Brett, Jacqueline Restel, Philip Bunce, Patrick Farrell, Dorothy Ormes, Ian Mitchell, Joyce Tracey, Kay Pollard.
Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord