# THIS WEEK AT SJF

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| **Sun ✠ 12 Oct** (Mass count 4) | **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **5.00pm Sat Vigil**<br>**8.30am Mass**<br>**10.30am Mass** | Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish<br>For Theresa Aherne RIP (birthday)<br>For Mario Coppi RIP (birthday) |
| Mon 13 Oct | ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR | No Mass at SJF | |
| Tue 14 Oct | Feria | Mass at 9.30am | For Robert, Seamus & Gennady - for their growing in the faith |
| Wed 15 Oct | St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor | Mass at 9.30am<br>**Holy Rosary after Mass** | For Cynthia Souza RIP |
| Thurs 16 Oct | Feria | Mass at 9.30<br>**(RCIA 7.30pm - hall)** | For Peter Cosstick RIP |
| Fri 17 Oct | St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr | Mass at 9.30am<br>**Followed by Exposition & Benediction** | For Jeeno - in thanksgiving |
| Sat 18 Oct | ST LUKE, Evangelist | Mass at 10.00am | For Elaine - for better health |
| **Sun ✠ 19 Oct** | **29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | **5.00pm Sat Vigil**<br>**8.30am Mass**<br>**10.30am Mass** | For Jonathan Lynch RIP - anniversary<br>Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish<br>For Marie Rushe RIP - 25th anniversary |

**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 28
**Psalter** Week 4

## Sunday 12th October 2025
## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
## Weekly Newsletter




There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. Because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly, is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us.

From an early age we are taught to say 'Thank You' to recognise that someone has gone out of their way, to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God.




As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened. Thank you Jesus, for giving me faith!

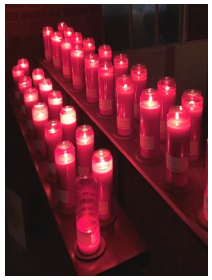
Happy Sunday.

## 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.

**PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS…** participants on our RCIA course and their catechists, as our adults continue on their path of discovery, faith, and transformation. We began last Thursday.

**NOVEMBER SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** are now available for £5, on which to add the names of your departed loved ones. These candles will burn in the church to the left of the lectern, from All Souls' Day, Monday 3rd Nov. onward and will be available for the duration of the month, whilst the candle stock lasts.



**1**.Pick up a names label from the Repository at the church entrance. **2.** Add the name (s) of those who have died who you want to remember. **3.** Return label to the office or sacristy with your £5.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to baby Teddy -James Henry Collins who received the beautiful initiation Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We keep baby Teddy -James Henry in our prayers and pray for his parents Colette and Trevor who have set him on a wonderful adventure of faith.

**HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT** We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here regularly. 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.

**THANK YOU** if you supported the Spelthorne orchestral concert which took place here last Sunday - it was a really joyous occasion and the music was excellent. Thank you to all involved with everything from ticket sales, organisation, bar and generally everything it takes to run an event, and last but not least, thank you to all who came and supported the event. We are still totalling up the amount raised and will let you know soon.

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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. If you are able to donate something for our stall, Christmas Tombola with prizes such as bottles, chocolates, sweets, gifts….. anything festive. please drop them off in the church porch box marked "Lourdes". Thank you. 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 £303.06 (week previous = £309.00 ) 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 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**