THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 19 Oct	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Jonathan Lynch RIP - anniversary Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Marie Rushe RIP - 25th anniversary
Mon 20 Oct	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 21 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Max - celebrating his 18th birthday
Wed 22 Oct	St John Paul II, Pope	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Dennis McCaughey on his 91st Birthday
Thurs 23 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am (RCIA 7.30pm - hall)	For Kay Pollard RIP
Fri 24 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Followed by Exposition & Benediction	For Margaret Rodgers
Sat 25 Oct	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Paul Joseph - birthday thanksgivings
Sun ✠ 26 Oct	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Louis Neary RIP For Emily Theobalds RIP

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 29
Psalter Week 1

Sunday 19th October 2025
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the power of persistent prayer and the support we offer one another in faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the persistent widow who refuses to give up until justice is done. Her perseverance is a model for our own prayer life—faithful, determined, and trusting that God hears us.

We also see Moses in the First Reading, interceding (praying) for Israel during battle. As long as his hands are raised in prayer, the Israelites prevail. When he tires, Aaron and Hur support him. This is an image of the Church community lifting one another in faith and mutual support in times of hardship and struggle.

St Paul reminds us to remain rooted in the Holy Scriptures, which equip us for every good work. As we journey through life, the Word of God strengthens and guides us. The scriptures remind us that our faith is bigger than our fears.

Together, these readings encourage us to persevere in prayer, support one another in faith, and trust that God hears us — even when answers seem delayed. Let us be a community that lifts each other up, just as Aaron and Hur did for Moses, and trust that God is always attentive to our needs.

Happy Sunday!

**"Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121)**

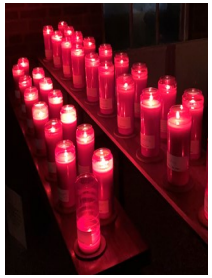
WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON

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.



NEXT SUNDAY IS SLEEP-IN SUNDAY! Sunday, 26th October. British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!

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 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. Great news: we are now permitted to collect *Gift-Aid* on any candle donation of £5 or over. You can help us to claim *Gift Aid* - via the card machine in the porch (making your payment & completing the *Gift – Aid)* on line or by using a blue *Gift-Aid* envelope. Many Thanks.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT SJF:

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.

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS… participants on our RCIA course: Jane, Hannah, Tiberius, Amber, David, Serena and Francesca and their catechists: Christine, James and Fr Shaun, as they journey together on their path of discovery, faith, and transformation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION - CLASS OF 2026: will begin on Tuesday 13th January and every subsequent Tuesday during term time from 5.00-6.15pm. Registration forms will be available soon for children in school year 3 who attend Mass here. Please look out for further details coming soon. Please keep the FHC catechists, Stephanie and Mary in your prayers as they make preparations for their new group.

HOLY CONFIRMATION 2026 - details coming soon.

THELMA BINGLE RIP The Funeral Mass for Thelma will be at SJF on Wednesday 29th October at 11.30am. Thelma was a regular member of the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass congregation and used to attend with the aid of a wheel chair, and sit at the very front of the church for Mass. In recent months Thelma was looked after in a Nursing Home. Please keep Thelma, her daughter Elaine and son Anthony and all the family in your prayers at this time. *"Go forth Christian soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."*

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.

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED after the 10.30 Sunday Mass in the Church Hall - you are very welcome. If you are new to St John Fisher (SJF), it is great to have you with us. If you arrived by car - and you would prefer to park off street, we have a car park at the rear of the church . If you need to use the loos, or baby nappy changing facility - they are situated by the front entrance to the Church Hall — also at the back of the church.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND… BEETLE DRIVE - Friday 14th Nov. starting at 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend.

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Mon 1st Dec. The *Schola Cantorum* of the London Oratory School, directed by Charles Cole, will lead a Christmas Carol Concert as part of St Mary's University's 175th Anniversary celebrations. The concert will be a mixture of readings, traditional carols and schola pieces followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets are priced at £10 and can be purchased here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-marys-christmas-carol-concert-1st-december-2025-tickets-1733560749869?aff=oddtdtcreator

DATES FOR THE DIARY: NOVEMBER 2025
ALL SAINTS Sunday 2nd Nov: Holy Day of Obligation. Usual weekend Mass times
ALL SOULS' DAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Monday 3rd Nov: Mass at 9.30am only.
Blessing of Graves at Sunbury Cemetery. Saturday 8th Nov: 12 noon: **:**
Remembrance Sunday: 9th Nov
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)
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Sunday 23rd Nov**:** usual weekend Mass times. (10.30am RCIA candidates will receive the Sacraments)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sunday 30th Nov: 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 £224.27 (week previous = £303.06) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in September averaged £1059.58 (Aug = £873.83 pw). 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