# THIS WEEK AT SJF

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| **Sun ✠ 02 Nov** | **THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS** | **5.00pm Sat Vigil**<br>**8.30am Mass**<br>**10.30am Mass** | For Emily Theobalds RIP (birthday)<br>Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish<br>For Bob & Bridget Keating RIP |
| Mon 03 Nov | **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** | **Mass at 9.30am** | For the souls of all the faithful departed |
| Tue 04 Nov | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop | Mass at 9.30am | For Olwyn Dobson RIP |
| Wed 05 Nov | Feria | Mass at 9.30am<br>**Holy Rosary after Mass** | For Rita Daly RIP |
| Thurs 06 Nov | Feria | Mass at 9.30am<br>**(RCIA 7.30pm - hall)** | For Frances Castledine — for a speedy recovery |
| Fri 07 Nov | Feria | Mass at 9.30am<br>**Followed by Exposition & Benediction** | For Charles Vincent Pepper RIP |
| Sat 08 Nov | The BVM on Saturday | Mass at 10.00am | For Desmond & Moira Mulvany - for their intentions |
| **Sun ✠ 09 Nov**  | **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**<br>**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** | **5.00pm Sat Vigil**<br>**8.30am Mass**<br>**10.30am Mass** (Requiem) | Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish<br>For Mandy Mollentze RIP (birthday)<br>For the War Dead and the repose of their souls - in memory of their sacrifice |

**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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## Sunday 2nd November 2025
## THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
## Weekly Newsletter

**Sunday cycle**
**Readings Year C**
**Weekday readings:**
**Year 1**
Lectionary Year 1
**Ordinary Time**
Week 31
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



Many of the Saints in heaven are unknown to us. They didn't make headlines or have churches named after them — but they lived faithfully, loved deeply, and followed Jesus with quiet courage. Today, we honour them all.

Of course, we also remember the Saints we've known in our own lifetimes wonderful people like St John Paul II, St Teresa of Calcutta, and more recently, St Carlo Acutis, the "Millennial Saint." Their lives continue to inspire us, and their prayers support us still. Even if their names aren't always on our lips, their witness remains a light for our own journey.

So what does it take to be a saint? Today's Gospel, the Beatitudes, gives us the answer. Holiness isn't found in grand gestures or public acclaim. Holiness is found in gentleness, mercy, peace-making, faithful mourning, purity of heart, and poverty of spirit. These are virtues we practise in the ordinary moments of life, especially with those closest to us.

The Holy Church reminds us that holiness is not a distant ideal, it is a daily calling. The Solemnity of All Saints this weekend invites us to see that sanctity is within reach for us all, if we simply keep the faith and walk with Christ. May all the Saints, known and unknown, pray for us.

**Happy Sunday - Happy Solemnity!**

## 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.

**WE DON'T USUALLY …** celebrate a Mass at SJF on Mondays, as Fr Shaun is usually away on his rest day. This coming Monday however is **All Souls Day,** so there will be a Mass at 9.30am. Memorial candles will also begin to be lit from Monday onward. Please do come and pray for your loved ones and for all the faithful departed.

**NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.** In life we pray for our loved ones, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. All Souls' sheets for the names of your departed loved ones, are available at the back of church, to take away and return when completed.

**BE PREPARED:** So often in the holy scriptures we are told to be prepared. As November is upon us, we naturally begin to remember loved ones who have died. It's also a good moment to gently reflect on our own arrangements.
Many people use this time to update their Will or jot down their funeral wishes - things like favourite hymns, readings, and whether they'd prefer a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. This is not a gloomy task, it's actually a thoughtful and caring gesture. By making these decisions now, we ease the burden on those we leave behind and offer them comfort in knowing they're honouring our wishes.
You might also consider leaving a small gift to St John Fisher Church, a place where your prayers have been offered and friends have been made. It's a way of saying thank you for the life you've shared and supporting the work that continues. There are simple leaflets at the back of church to help you get started. Feel free to take one home and begin the conversation.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND… BEETLE DRIVE** - Friday 14th Nov. Doors open at 7.00pm. Beetle Drive starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale.

**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.

**NOVEMBER SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES** are 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.



**THIS WEEKEND**: The Holy Father is set to proclaim St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church during 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.

**HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV** has appointed, one of our Area Bishops, the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson as the new Bishop of Plymouth.
Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark in 1986, Bishop Nicholas has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of St Germans in Cornwall since 2014.
The date for Bishop Nicholas' installation as Diocesan Bishop will be 29th November at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary and Saint Boniface, Plymouth. We keep Bishop Nicholas in our prayers as he prepares to leave Westminster.

**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.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER**
**ALL SOULS' DAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Monday 3rd Nov:** Mass at 9.30am only.
**Blessing of Graves** at Sunbury Cemetery.
This coming Saturday 8th Nov: 12.00 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.

**LOURDES EVENT IN THE HALL: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** Come and join us on Friday 12th December from 7pm for a Christmassy evening of live music and festive cheer. Enjoy a complimentary glass of mulled wine and some delicious canapes whilst listening and joining in with some of your favourite Christmas songs. This heart-warming event is open to all, so please invite your friends and family. Tickets are £10, free to under 16's. We may even have a special visitor and a few surprises in store. For tickets contact Katrina on 07921 409402 / katrinalavery80@gmail.com or you can sign up in the porch after half term
**A DAY WITH MARY** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 Nov (9.45am to 5.00pm). Information: ***https://www.adaywithmary.org/***
**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES** are now available at the back of church, for a donation to this honourable cause. We thank Bernard Troop who has organised these again for us this year.

**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. 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 £289.57 (week previous = £314.00) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in September averaged £1059.58 (Aug = £873.83 pw). 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




**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**
has been sponsored this week
for the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop & Mandy Mollentze

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**
**ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER**
Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood,
Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray,
Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis,
Mary Ange Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan,
Richard Caplis, Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating,
Mary Weathers, Caroline Pegley,
Winifred Lockwood, Joan Colnbrook,
Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons, June Ryan,
Austin Jennings, Mandy Mollentze
**Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord**