THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 16 Nov	**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Frank & Linda Rossi RIP For Aimee Diekmann RIP (anniversary - 1999) Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish
Mon 17 Nov	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 18 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For departed members of the Joseph & Jose family & for Francis Paul RIP
Wed 19 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary after Mass**	For Denis Miranda RIP
Thurs 20 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **(RCIA 7.30pm - hall)**	For Teresa Almeida RIP
Fri 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 9.30am **Followed by Exposition & Benediction**	For Russell & Genara Restituta RIP
Sat 22 Nov	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 10.00am	For Isaias de Melo - in celebration of his 8th birthday
Sun ✠ 23 Nov	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** (CHRIST THE KING)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Ken Johnson RIP (birthday) For Tim Aherne 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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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Sunday 16th November 2025
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



Keep Calm and Carry On – God is in charge!

This Sunday's readings might sound like the script for an end-of-the-world blockbuster - earthquakes, wars, fiery ovens - but Jesus says: Don't panic! Think of it like a fire drill: noisy, a bit unsettling, but it's all about preparation, not destruction. The point isn't fear, it's faithfulness and endurance.

The Prophet Malachi in the first reading promises that for those who trust in the Lord, the future is bright: "The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings." And St Paul, in his letter reminds us: don't just sit around in idleness but rather, keep working, keep loving, keep living!

So, what's the Good News? The Good News is that God is in charge**.** The world may wobble, but the Lord's promise stands: "By your endurance you will gain your lives." (Luke 21:19)

When life feels chaotic, be the calm voice that says, "Relax - it's just a drill. God is in charge."

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! Our church hosted the Deanery meeting of clergy and school chaplains last Tuesday. Firstly thank you to all who attended the Mass to pray for our deceased clergy in this parish and in the wider deanery. And thank you also to the brilliant team who cooked and served lunch, following our meeting. It was cooked and served with love and care and it was delicious... and if you happen to remember the saga of the lost plates and cups which we were trying to locate in time for the lunch — they are still lost, so we replaced them all and all was well!

JUST A FEW LEFT... SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR NOVEMBER are available from the Repository for £5, on which to add the names of your departed loved ones. These candles will burn in the church during November. Purple sheets to add the names of departed family and friends are still available at the back of the church. Completed sheets can be placed in the basket at the front of the Altar.

BABY LOSS - SAYING GOODBYE: On the 30th Nov at 3.30pm in Westminster Central Hall, there will be a Saying Goodbye Service hosted by the Saying Goodbye Charity. This service is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations** - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you as always for your wonderful support.

UPDATE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION will begin on Tuesday 13th Jan and every subsequent Tuesday during term time from 5.00 - 6.15pm. Registration forms will be available from 30th November for children in school year 3 who attend Mass here. As in previous years, children beginning their FHC preparation should know how to make the sign of the cross, and to say the Our Father and Hail Mary. This is important as we want all our children to begin at the same level. Please keep the FHC catechists, Stephanie and Mary in your prayers as they make preparations for their new year group.

LOOKING FOR A CHANGE? There are currently five jobs being advertised on the Diocesan web site. If you think you might be interested you can view them via this link: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED after the 10.30am 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.

NEXT WEEK: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Sunday 23rd Nov**:** usual weekend Mass times. (At the 10.30am Mass, RCIA candidates will receive the Sacraments. There will be some reserved seating at the front of the church for candidates and their families. Little Church will continue as usual.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sunday 30th Nov: usual weekend Mass times.

GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD: during the past months, many people have been struggling to make ends meet. Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. This is a good deed done. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank Please keep up the good work and help if and when you can. Many, many thanks.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS 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.

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. 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 £220.32 (week previous = £362.12) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in October averaged £985.08 (Sept = £1059.58 pw). Thank you.

PRAYER REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Rosary Prayers are offered on Wed' following the 9.30am Mass**.**

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER or need to update your contact details? Please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online and drop it into the office here.

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is for the prayerful intentions of Sujeeva and her family.

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