THIS WEEK AT SJF

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)
Mon 24 Nov	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Comp. Martyrs	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 25 Nov	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 26 Nov	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Thurs 27 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary after Mass** **(Final RCIA 7.30pm - hall)**	For Tim Aherne RIP (anniversary)
Fri 28 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Followed by Exposition & Benediction**	For Frank Mescall RIP
Sat 29 Nov	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For the souls of the faithful departed
Sun ✠ 30 Nov	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Winston Lennox Quashie RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: Thursday morning this week 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 23rd November 2025
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Weekly Newsletter



Christ the King – A Kingdom of Love and Mercy

As we come to the final Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is not a kingship of power or domination, but one of love, humility, and mercy. Christ reigns from the Cross, showing us that true authority is service and self-giving.

In today's Gospel, we hear the moving words of the repentant thief: *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* And Jesus responds with a promise of hope: *"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."* This is the heart of Christ's Kingship—a kingdom where forgiveness triumphs, where the lost are welcomed, and where love is stronger than death.

As we close the liturgical year, let us ask ourselves: Is Jesus Christ, truly King in my life? Do I allow his peace to rule my heart, his mercy to shape my actions, his truth to guide my decisions?

May this feast renew our trust in the One who reigns not with crowns of gold, but with a crown of thorns, and who invites us to share in his eternal joy.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, reign in our hearts and homes. Teach us to serve as you served, to forgive as you forgave, and to love as you love. Amen.

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.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to David who will be Received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church at Mass this Sunday at 10.30am. Congratulations also to Jane, Francesca, Hannah, and Serena, who will receive the beautiful Sacrament of Holy Confirmation alongside David. Our thanks to James and Christine who have journeyed with our adults as Catechists and to our candidates' sponsors who have supported and prayed for those to be Confirmed. Please continue to pray for them and also for Tiberius and Amber who are also participating on our RCIA programme will receive the Holy Sacraments in Rome, at a later date.

THANK YOU for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend We raised £503.73. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers. Thank you!

JOURNEY TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS CRIB WITH US THIS COMING ADVENT. Advent is the Season of preparation for Christmas. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and has a dual focus. Firstly, Advent commemorates the Incarnation of the Christ child in Bethlehem, reminding us of the miraculous birth of Jesus, bringing hope and salvation to the world. Secondly, Advent calls us to be alert and ready for the Second Coming of Christ, emphasising the importance of our spiritual readiness and anticipation.

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

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their Christmas Cribs at home, to be blessed here at the 10.30am Sunday Mass on Sunday 14th December. This is a beautiful Advent Tradition, instituted by Pope St John Paul II during his Papacy and continued in parishes around the world. We pray that this encourages our young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend. Following the blessing, families are encouraged to take their 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it up and open it as a family on Christmas morning, where the youngest member places it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas. Remember the date for your diary: Sunday 14th December.

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.

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.

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.

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 £230.25 (week previous = £220.32) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in October averaged £985.08 (Sept = £1059.58 pw). Thank you.

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.

APOLOGIES there will be no Mass here on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, whilst Fr Shaun is on leave. All other Masses this week are as normal.

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.

PHOTOCOPYING: over the past weeks you might have noticed that the quality of our Newsletter printing has been patchy. Unfortunately the copier requires replacement parts which are no longer available, due to the age of the machine. We are currently looking at options regarding a new or reconditioned machine.

BEETLE DRIVE THANKS: We had a great night at the recent Beetle Drive. Thank you to all who bought tickets, attended and donated prizes etc… Many thanks also to our brilliant Fundraising Team who worked hard to get it all together. We raised an amazing £731 through ticket & bar sales, raffle tickets and donations, for our building fund. Thank you!

PARISH WEB SITE: Advanced notice of Christmas Masses can be found on our web site: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here: Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

this week is for the repose of the soul of Michael Fernando RIP (11th anniversary)

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 , Baby Domenico Stillitano.

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord