THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 09 Nov 	**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA** **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass** (Requiem)	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Mandy Mollentze RIP (birthday) For the War Dead and the repose of their souls - in memory of their sacrifice
Mon 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	**Mass at 10.45am (note time change)**	Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of our Deanery
Wed 12 Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary after Mass**	Souls of Boyle and Hamill Families RIP
Thurs 13 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **(RCIA 7.30pm - hall)**	For Mervin Hirschberg RIP
Fri 14 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Followed by Exposition & Benediction**	For Yvette Town - Jones RIP
Sat 15 Nov	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Domenico Stillitano RIP
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 (anniversary - 1999) Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish

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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To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
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ST JOHN FISHER SHEPPERTON

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH





Sunday 9th November 2025
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Weekly Newsletter



Most people probably think that St Peter's is the Pope's main church in Rome, but it's actually the Church of St John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. Its Latin inscription, on the facade of the basilica reads "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world." We often forget that the Holy Father Pope is first a Bishop, and this church holds deep symbolic importance for the whole Church.

The original church was built in the 4th century on land donated by Emperor Constantine, formerly owned by the Lateran family. Though damaged by fire, earthquakes, and war over the centuries, it remained the site of papal consecrations until the Avignon exile. When the papacy returned to Rome, the Lateran was in disrepair, and the Popes temporarily resided at other basilicas before the Vatican Palace was built.

The current basilica was completed in 1646 and ranks first among Rome's four major basilicas. Its façade features 15 statues, including Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 Doctors of the Church. Beneath the high altar lies a wooden table believed to have been used by St Peter for the Eucharist. The cathedral's patrons are Christ the Saviour, John the Baptist, and John the Evangelist. Its full title is the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John Baptist and John Evangelist in the Lateran.

Celebrating its dedication today affirms the unity of the Church with the Pope and expresses the communion of all local churches with Rome and with one another. 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.



THIS REMEMRANCE SUNDAY: James, from our Saturday evening Vigil Mass will represent SJF Church for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, laying a poppy wreath on our behalf. Our Sunday 10.30am Mass will be offered for the War Dead.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES are still 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.

ON TUESDAY: Our church will host the Deanery meeting of clergy and school chaplains in the church and church hall. Thank you to the team who will be providing lunch and hospitality. There will be no 9.30am Mass on Tuesday but there will be a Mass on Tuesday at the revised time of **10.45pm** This Mass gives us the opportunity to pray for departed clergy including those who have served SJF faithfully over the years. Can you come and pray with us?

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.

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

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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK: The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **73** retired priests, at a cost of **£1,270,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can 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. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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 soon for children in school year 3 who attend Mass here. Registration forms are available from 30th Nov. 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 group.

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.

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.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER
Tuesday 11th Nov: Mass for the Deceased Priests of the Deanery at **10.45am:** 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.

UPDATE LOURDES EVENT IN THE HALL: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT on Friday 12th December has been cancelled this year - but will return next 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 £362.12 (week previous = £289.57) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in September averaged £1059.58 (Aug = £873.83 pw). Thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
has been sponsored this week
for Frances Castledine - for a speedy recovery

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