THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 04 Jan	**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For John Mascarenhas RIP For Patrick Cronin RIP
Mon 05 Jan	Christmas Feria	No Mass Today	
Tue ✠ 06 Jan	**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**	**Mass at 9.30am** **Mass at 7.00pm**	For Eileen Mescall RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish
Wed 07 Jan	Christmas Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Alice Cane RIP
Thurs 08 Jan	Christmas Feria	Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub in hall 10.00am	For Frances Castledine, a speedy recovery
Fri 09 Jan	Christmas Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition follows Mass	For Eileen and Robert Tams RIP
Sat 10 Jan	Christmas Feria	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism 12.00noon	For the sick, at home or in hospital
Sun ✠ 11 Jan	**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Tina & John Lenahan & little Laura Int. For Anne McGovern RIP

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass.
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION follows 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.
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 4th January 2026
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
Weekly Newsletter

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WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, or are visiting, or you are a returning Catholic, you are very welcome. It's good to have you with us. All Masses here are live streamed, offering a valuable link for those who are incapacitated and unable to get to Mass If you are unwell, just go to *You Tube* and type in the search box: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. But as always we enjoy having you with us here in person.

WHAT A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS at SJF! Everything we could have wanted. So many people came to Mass, at one point we were full to bursting! Of course we have to thank our sacristans, cleaners, laundry ladies, flower arrangers, church decorators, tree arrangers, festoon light hangers and welcomers. And there were others helping as well… our musicians and singers and altar servers, our children's nativity performers and their organisers and all who cleaned up afterwards. Thank you all— you pulled out all the stops to make it all happen for people attending. During the coming year we will be reviewing Mass times and services for Christmas 2026, to ensure they work even better. More on this nearer the time.

THE WARM HUB BEGINS IN THE CHURCH HALL ON THURSDAY 8TH JAN. We are open to anyone and everyone. These are lovely sessions where anyone can come to our hall, have a hot drink and have a chat, which is so important in the winter months. We open at 10.00am until 11.30am. Come along, bring your friends and best of all it's free! Thank you to the people who have already volunteered to help with the Warm Hub in January and February this year. Mandy has prepared the rota of helpers. If anyone else is able to volunteer, could you please let Mandy know ASAP.

LITTLE CHURCH restarts next Sunday 11th January. We look forward to welcoming back our little Catholics to Mass!

LOVE IN ACTION… in many and varied ways we are already putting the love of God into action. Our Warm Hub starts again this week, we have a Food Bank drop off point, parishioners who are in the Lourdes group are key to the logistics of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes each year; and we have a huge number of volunteers supporting the many areas of our parish life together. *Love in Action,* coming soon, will be an opportunity to build on all we are currently doing. Watch this space...

CINDERELLA AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING GLASS SLIPPER: The S.J.F Panto is back!!!! Get ready for a fun, family panto full of laughs, big characters, and local am-dram talent! Cheer, boo, and join the chaos in this joyful community show. There will be 5 performances; Saturday 24th January at 2pm and 6.30pm, Sunday 25th January at 2pm and Saturday 31st January at 2pm and 6.30pm. More details can be found on the poster at the back of church or by contacting Katrina on 07921 409402 (correct mobile). or you can book directly using the poster QR code

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB: Offerings made at the Christmas Crib this year will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society, who help families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, wedding anniversary, for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact Mandy in the office. (Wednesday and Thursday mornings). The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford. It's helpful, if you are making a written request with an envelope posted or given to Fr Shaun at Mass, please add your name and contact details so we can advise when the Mass will be offered.

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information including the requirements for Catholic godparents, are available from the church porch table.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION HAS NOW CLOSED. Thank you to our parents who are preparing their children for the start of this important milestone, on their adventure in faith. Please do keep our children and Catechists, Stephanie and Mary in your prayers, as they make preparations for the start.

COLLECTIONS: The 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 work here at SJF, thank you. Last weekend (Holy Family) the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £207.89 (week previous= £293.26) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in November averaged £959.58 (Oct = £985.08pw). Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED after the 10.30am Sunday Mass in the Church Hall - you are very welcome. The toilets & baby nappy changing are situated by the front entrance to the Church Hall.

WILL HARDY who many of you know locally has a new book out which is available on Amazon — delivered directly to your front door. The link for more information and/or to order is here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mystery-Past-Reflections-history/dp/0954128524

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD is this coming Tuesday 6th January. Wherever you may be, please do your very best to attend Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at SJF will be at 9.30am and & 7.00pm in the evening. Thank you.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF OUR HOMES: In celebration of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are the following prayers and a piece of blessed chalk from the church, (available at the Epiphany Masses), to mark the frame of your door, with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Tuesday, asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1: 1-3,14)

***Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:* 20 + C + M + B + 26**
Each letter could be written by a different family member. Then pray the following prayer:

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is a kindness for a departed loved one or a particular intention during a special week in the year. There are weeks available in January and going forward. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for availability.

AND FINALLY… Thank you for the many Christmas cards and personal gifts received from parishioners over Christmas these past days. Your kind words in cards and generosity are very humbling and overwhelming. Thank you. As I approach my seventh anniversary this January as your Parish Priest, I am blessed by such kindness.
Fr Shaun

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON TO THE LORD, AND SEE THE POSSIBILITIES HE HAS IN MIND FOR YOU!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
this week is for the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop and Mandy Mollentze

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY
Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson,
Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane,
Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson,
Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson,
Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi,
Margaret Walker, Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel,
Tony Hill, Frances Reynolds, Jarek Jedrzejowski
Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord