THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 18 Jan	**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For deceased Miranda family members For Mario Coppi RIP (anniversary)
Mon 19 Jan	Feria	No Mass Today	
Tue 20 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF **FHC class - hall 5.00pm**	
Wed 21 Jan	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	No Mass at SJF **Rosary at 10.00am**	
Thurs 22 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF **Warm Hub - hall 10.00am**	
Fri 23 Jan	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Sat 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	No morning Mass at SJF	
Sun ✠ 25 Jan	**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Jenny Mascarenhas RIP For Francis Byron — for a speedy recovery

Catholic Masses locally, telephone for details:

St Michael's, Ashford 01784 252230
St Anne's, Chertsey 01932 562375
St Ignatius, Sunbury 01932 783507

Please also check church websites for any holiday updates re: times of Mass.

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: This week on Wednesday morning at 10.00am
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION follows after Mass on Fridays. **(Not 23rd)**
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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We are a registered charity No: 233699
To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 18th January 2026
THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



Last weekend, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, bringing our Christmas Season to a close by contemplating the revelation of Jesus, who He is, and what His coming means for the world. This theme of revelation continues today. Before we settle into our Sunday by Sunday journey through the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the Church invites us to pause with Saint John's Gospel and listen again to John the Baptist's powerful witness.

A new year always carries the sense of beginnings. As we return to the beginnings of the Lord's public ministry, there is a quiet excitement, an eagerness, because even though we know the story, we gladly step into it once more. It is like reopening a beloved book or returning to a favourite film: familiar, yet always fresh.

Today, we stand with John the Baptist on the banks of the River Jordan. With him, we recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the One chosen by God, *the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*. In this simple moment of recognition, the whole mission of Jesus is already present. And so we begin again, with joy and hope, ready to follow the Lord who reveals the mercy and faithfulness of God.

Happy Sunday!

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.

PEACE DAY As is customary, this Sunday the Church in England and Wales marks Peace Day. The theme chosen by the Holy Father, Pope Leo, for this year is 'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace'. You can read more about this using this link: https://paxchristi.org.uk/Peace-Sunday-2026/

CHRISTIAN UNITY: From 18th-25th January, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, in other Christian communities, especially those in Shepperton and the surrounding areas. We pray that one day we may be as one Church. On Tuesday 20th Jan at 5.00pm – Westminster Cathedral are hosting the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, to sing Vespers together, in thanksgiving for the recent proclamation of St John Henry Newman as a Doctor of the Church. The preacher will be Archbishop Rowan Williams.
Friday 23rd Jan at 5.00pm - St Paul's Cathedral are hosting the Choir of Westminster Cathedral, to sing Evensong together.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CLASS OF 2026. The children had a lovely first class last Tuesday. Parents please be encouraging to your children with their homework each week and do take an interest in their workbooks, as they continue in this great adventure of faith. We greatly appreciate the work of our catechists Stephanie and Mary who give their time voluntarily, assisting our parents (the first educators), in teaching the faith to our youngsters.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2026 for young people in school years 9 & 10 who regularly attend Mass here, will begin in February. The start date is Thursday 5th March with a Retreat Day on Saturday 7th March. Bishop James Curry will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at SJF on Wednesday 13th May. At the Mass, we will also be joined by with candidates from St Theodore's Hampton. Full dates, times & everything else will be available with registration forms in February.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR ALREADY… when we ask you to return any palm crosses that you may not want to keep. These will be burned to make the ash for use on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on 18th February, announcing the beginning of Lent. Look out for the basket at the back of the church to return your Palms, from next week onward.

SO THAT YOU KNOW… Fr Shaun will be on his post Christmas break for the inside of this coming week. At SJF there will be no weekday Masses - but the Holy Rosary on Wed' will be prayed at 10.00am as usual and the Warm Hub in the hall, will be open on Thursday. The Masses will be back to normal in time for the Saturday evening Vigil onwards. If you need to speak with a priest in a genuine emergency, please contact a local Catholic parish. Details are on the back page.

HELPING OTHERS - FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. Your kind donations, placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help local people via the Jubilee Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WARM HUB HAS BEGUN - meeting in the Church Hall each Thursday. We are open to anyone and everyone. These are lovely sessions where anyone can come and have a hot drink and 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 our volunteers who make it all happen. If you know of an elderly neighbour or a parent home alone, do please invite them along.

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.

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

JOHN TRAYNOR, a British World War I veteran, is recognised for his miraculous healing at Lourdes, which was officially declared a miracle by the Church in December 2024. A talk by Dr Kieran Moriarty will be held in Westminster Cathedral Hall on Saturday 7th February at 11.30am on his extraordinary story. Doors open 11.00am.
Dr Kieran was a member of the commission which examined the case of John Traynor and has a unique insight into the process behind the confirming of miracles in Lourdes. This is a ticketed event, so please book here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-kieran-moriartys-talk-on-lourdes-71st-miracle-john-jack-traynor-tickets-1976728613495
Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with anointing of the sick will take place on the same day at 2.00pm at Westminster Cathedral (changed from 14th February). We expect that this will be one of Cardinal Vincent's final Masses as Archbishop of Westminster, before his retirement and will be deeply moving.

COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES:
Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £274. 57 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in December averaged £1259.10 (Nov = £959.58pw). Thank you. The weekend loose money 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, As always - thank you. You are brilliant.

APOLOGIES — NO REFRESHMENTS after the 10.30am Sunday Mass this week due to the Pantomime dress rehearsal in the Hall.

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 going forward. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for availability.

UPDATE — LOVE IN ACTION Our parish is already living out God's love in many and varied ways! The Warm Hub is up and running again, we have a Food Bank drop-off point, and parishioners in the Lourdes group play a vital role in the logistics of the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. On top of that, countless volunteers generously support the many areas of parish life. This Lent, we'll be going further. It all begins with an introductory booster shot by Sr Silvana rscj on the weekend of 21st/22nd February, preceded by a meeting on Thursday 19th February. This is a wonderful opportunity for us during Lent and beyond to deepen our commitment to putting love into action. More details will follow next week, but for now: save the dates and keep watching this space!

A THANKSGIVING MASS on the retirement of Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 5th Feb at 5.30pm

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is offered in thanksgiving for healing for a friend
Deo Gratias

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Colin Brindle RIP, Tony Leonard RIP,
Eileen Hyatt RIP, Patricia Garrett RIP
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