THIS WEEK 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
Mon 26 Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops	No Mass Today	
Tue 27 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **FHC class - hall 5.00pm**	For Honor Mescall RIP
Wed 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Jarek RIP
Thurs 29 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Warm Hub - hall 10.00am**	For all who died in the Holocaust and in subsequent genocides
Fri 30 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition follows Mass**	For Tom O' Malley RIP & Theresa RIP
Sat 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest	Mass at 10.00am	For Shaun Ebblewhite RIP
Sun ✠ 1 Feb	**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Vera Gorman RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Margarita Day RIP (Birthday)

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 25th January 2026
THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday our biblical readings are full of light and hope! Isaiah tells us that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, a promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who shines into every shadow of our lives. St. Paul reminds us that we are called to unity, not division, with Christ at the centre of all we do. In a world that often feels fractured, this is a beautiful invitation to live as one family of faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins his public ministry with a powerful message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then he calls Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, ordinary fishermen, to leave their nets and follow him on an extraordinary mission. Their response is immediate and wholehearted. This is not just a story from long ago; it is a living call for each of us today.

What does this mean for us? It means turning toward God with hope and trust, letting go of what holds us back and stepping forward in faith. It means being bearers of Christ's light and builders of unity wherever we are. Are we up to the challenge?

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.

HOURS AND HOURS … We have returned our Annual Financial Return to the Diocese. Thank you to Traci our Bookkeeper and the Finance Committee, and to many others for their work in putting it all together. One of the documents, enclosed with the Annual Return, is a listing of the voluntary roles which help any Church community to flourish, grow and function more efficiently. In the past year alone 243 voluntary roles were carried out by parishioners at SJF, helping within SJF or with social outreach. A good number of parishioners volunteered for more than one or two tasks or roles on a weekly basis. Thank you to each and every volunteer for your generosity of time and spirit, — it all contributes to putting love into action and building up the Kingdom of God.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: The 27th January is the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future.

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 this week onward.

BISHOP RICHARD MOTH — The Installation Mass for our new Archbishop will be on Saturday 14th February at 12.00 noon. Due to the large numbers of people attending, the Mass is by ticket invitation only. The Mass will however be live streamed on the Cathedral website. Please do keep Bishop Richard in your prayers at this time.

THE WARM HUB ON THURSDAYS - meeting in the Church Hall. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CLASS OF 2026. The children continue in their preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. 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. We will also be joined by candidates from St Theodore's Hampton. Full dates, times and everything else will be available with registration forms in February.

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.

APOLOGIES — NO REFRESHMENTS after the 10.30am Sunday Mass this week due to the Pantomime. Little Church for our youngsters continues as usual in the hall.

LAST CHANCE: CINDERELLA AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING GLASS SLIPPER: The S.J.F Panto is running! 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 are 3 performances remaining; this 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.

THE MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK - will be offered by entry ticket only booked in advance using the following categories: 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing; 2. Walking sick who require anointing; 3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing. Please let Mandy in the office know **as soon as possible** if you would like her to book your ticket.

COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES:
Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £346.82 (week previous = £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.

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, often very quietly, 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, 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 February at 5.30pm

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 offered for Odilia Oliveira
and Anacleta Carneiro

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