THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 01 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)
Mon 02 Feb	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	No Mass Today	
Tue 03 Feb	Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore (with the St Blaise Blessing of throats)	Mass at 9.30am **FHC class - hall 5.00pm**	For Lauryn De Melo - 3rd birthday thanksgiving
Wed 04 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Funeral Mass at 11.30**	For Fiona McCaughey - for her wellbeing **For the repose of the soul of Eileen Hyatt**
Thurs 05 Feb	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am **Warm Hub - hall 10.00am**	For Colin Brindle RIP
Fri 06 Feb	St Paul Miki & Comp. Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am	For Margaret Carlton RIP - 10th anniversary
Sat 07 Feb	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For all who are sick at home or in hospital
Sun ✠ 08 Feb	**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Nellie Clancy RIP For Mike Cooney RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass (not this week).
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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We are a registered charity No: 233699
To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

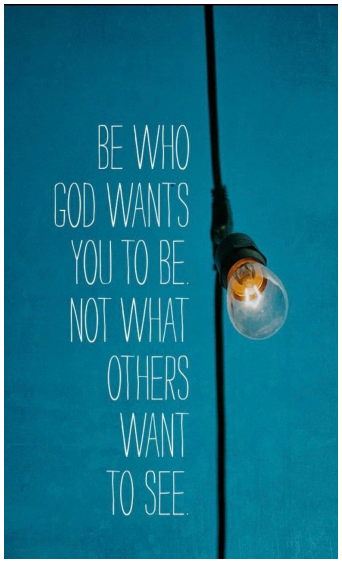
ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 1st February 2026
THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday we hear in the Gospel reading, the Beatitudes - Jesus' beautiful promise that God is closest to the humble, the gentle, the merciful, and the peacemakers. These blessings aren't meant for extraordinary saints, but for ordinary people like us, trying our best. They remind us that God's grace shines through simple kindness, quiet courage, and faithful love.



The Beatitudes show us the heart of Jesus himself who is compassionate and patient, pure in intention and always seeking peace. The Beatitudes remind us that holiness is not far away — but actually grows in the ordinary moments of our days. Every time we choose forgiveness over frustration or comfort someone who is struggling or even when we just keep on going when things are hard, Jesus whispers, "Blessed are you."

When we live this way together, as a parish which is welcoming and encouraging, we will become a community where the Kingdom of God is already taking root.

Jesus ends his beautiful message with a simple invitation: *Rejoice and be glad!*
May these words brighten our hearts this week, giving us hope and courage and the joy of knowing that God is very close to us.
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.

NOW OPEN: REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2026 This is for young people in school years 9 & 10 who regularly attend Mass here. Forms are available from the back of the Church. Please read the information carefully and check you have all the items required (including photograph) before returning your registration forms to the office. Registration will close on 22nd February.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Ash Wednesday - 18th February
1st Sunday of Lent - 22nd February
St Joseph -19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord 25th March
Palm Sunday of Holy Week - 29th March
Maundy Thursday - 2nd April
Good Friday - 3rd April
Holy Saturday - 4th April
Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord - 5th April

JOB VACANCIES: There are a good number of paid employment opportunities this month, in parishes around the Diocese. You can view them via this link: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - CLASS OF 2026. The children continue in their preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please keep our children and Stephanie and Mary, their Catechists in your prayers.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS in the hall, resume this weekend, following the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 used on Ash Wednesday. The basket for returns is at the back of the church.

BURNS SUPPER — IT'S BACK! Save the date: 21st February, 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Tickets on sale at the weekend £20 for a traditional evening. More information from Jean on: 07764287585

SO THAT YOU KNOW… There is no Rosary Prayer Group this coming Wednesday, due to the Funeral Mass preparations - but back to normal the following week.

BRILLIANT NEWS: We sent off a cheque this week to the Catholic Children's Society for £315.68. These were the Crib donations over Christmas. Many thanks to all who made donations and to Hilda and David who decorated and lit the Christmas Crib so beautifully this year.

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 task 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.

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 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.

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 next Saturday 7th February at 11.30am. 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.
If you are going to either the talk and/or the Lourdes Mass and have space in your car, might you have room for 3 other parishioners? Please let Fr Shaun know. Many thanks.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5**th **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office on shepperton@rcdow.org.uk giving the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Thank you.

COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES: Last weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was £298.13 (week previous = £346.82) 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 At 7.00pm in the church hall. 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 the Cathedral on Thursday 5th Feb at 5.30pm

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is offered for the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop RIP
and for Mandy Mollentze RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Colin Brindle RIP, Tony Leonard RIP,
Eileen Hyatt RIP, Patricia Garrett RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS FEBRUARY
Canon George Groves, Peter Madyslam, Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael Groarke, Mary Pitfield Fr Ron Aylward, Bernard Bunce, Nora Harris, Raymond Restel, Anne Quinn, Terry Sharratt, Brenda Jones, Patrick Harris, Barbara Hughes, Stephen Marriage. Samuel William Elliott, Susan Jane Connerty-Smith, Alan Cook, Arthur "Ken" Johnson.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord