THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 12 Jan	Feria	No Mass Today	
Tue 13 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am FHC class - hall 5.00pm	For Richard Botwright RIP
Wed 14 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Regina Crumlish RIP
Thurs 15 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub - hall 10.00am	For John Brown RIP
Fri 16 Jan	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition follows Mass	For Francis Paul RIP and for those forgotten souls in purgatory
Sat 17 Jan	St Anthony, Abbot	Mass at 10.00am	For Ramzan - for healing
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)

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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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/

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 11th January 2026
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Weekly Newsletter



Completing the Christmas Season - The Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the final solemnity of the Christmas season. Having journeyed from the manger at Bethlehem to the visit of the Magi, we now come to the moment when Jesus steps into the Jordan River and is revealed publicly as the beloved Son of the Father. Christmas joy reaches its fulfilment here: the Child born in the quiet of the night now manifests Himself to the world.

Though He is without sin, Jesus chooses to stand among sinners. He enters the waters not to be cleansed, but to sanctify the water itself—preparing the way for our own baptism. As He rises from the river, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice is heard: *"This is my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased."*

This is the same love into which we are drawn through our baptism. As we end the Christmas season and prepare to enter Ordinary Time, may this feast renew the joy of our own baptism. Let us keep in our prayers all those preparing for Holy Baptism in our parish, our catechumens, families, and children, asking that they too, may know the Father's delight and the Spirit's presence in their lives.

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.

THANK YOU to all who managed to attend Mass, at SJF for The Epiphany of the Lord, last Tuesday. The weather was awful, but you made the effort and warmed your heart and soul on the Sacrament of the Lord on this Holy Day.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Alfie David Law who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We hold Baby Alfie in our prayers as he begins this great adventure of faith. We thank his parents, Katie and Steven for bringing Alfie to this important milestone in his life.

ADDITIONAL THANKS to all who helped to remove Christmas trees and carefully packed away decorations and lights for another year. It took a whole morning last Wednesday. Thank you to Hilda, David, Robin, Paul, Tesmi, Elsbeth, Jim and Gerry, not forgetting Daphne in the Sacristy and Cathy and Evelyn who did a thorough clean of the church the following day. You are brilliant!

FHC REMINDER Our First Holy Communion classes begin this coming Tuesday, starting promptly at 5.00pm in the church hall - for children already registered. Parents, please arrive a little beforehand, so your child can settle in. Registration closed on 28th December to give us time to order and prepare materials. We are not able therefore to accept late admissions for this year's course.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH restarts this Sunday. We welcome 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 last 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

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.

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.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES OVER CHRISTMAS:
Christmas 24th/25th Dec: Loose £1107.11
One off Christmas envelopes: £465.00
Loose giving: Holy Family 28th Dec: £207.89
Giving via the bank: November averaged £959.58
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.

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

THIS WEEKEND will be the last opportunity to visit the Christmas Crib. Do please take the opportunity and maybe for a moment, offer a prayer. All Crib offerings (donations) that have been made will, as usual, be sent to the Catholic Children's Society, for their important work with children. Blessed chalk is still available today by the Crib for the Epiphany Blessing of Homes. The Rite for the blessing of your homes can be found here:
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 week, 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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is offered in thanksgiving for healing for Liz.
Deo gratias

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Tony Leonard RIP, Eileen Hyatt 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