THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 09 Feb	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 10 Feb	St Scholastica, Virgin	No Mass today **FHC class - hall 5.00pm**	
Wed 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For John & Noreen O'Connell RIP
Thurs 12 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Warm Hub - hall 10.00am**	For Stephen Marriage RIP
Fri 13 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition follows Mass**	For our children preparing for their First Holy Communion and for their Catechists
Sat 14 Feb	St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop	No Morning Mass (new Archbishop's Installation)	
Sun ✠ 15 Feb	**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For our new Archbishop Richard Moth For Eddie McCormack (recently deceased) Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish

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 8th February 2026
THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



Are you salt of the earth and a light to our world?

This Sunday's readings come to us like a warm encouragement from the Lord, reminding us not only of who we *should* be, but of who we already *are* in His eyes. Jesus looks at His disciples — and at us — and says: **"You are salt… you are light."** He names the goodness He has already planted within us, and invites us to let that goodness shine.

Salt brings out flavour, preserves what is good, and brings healing. Light guides, comforts, and reveals beauty. In the same way, our simple acts of faith and kindness can transform the lives around us more than we realise. Even the smallest gesture done with love can brighten someone's day and remind them that God has not forgotten them.

Isaiah assures us that when we care for those in need, when we lift up the lonely, and when we act with compassion and justice, our light will break forth like the dawn. What a beautiful promise — that God's grace within us becomes a rising sun for others.

Saint Paul reminds us that we don't do this by our own brilliance or strength. It is Christ working gently through our humility that makes our lives radiant. The more we trust Him, the more His light shines through us.

This Sunday, we might pause and ask ourselves: how is the Lord calling me to brighten the world this week? Perhaps through a word of encouragement, a listening ear, an act of generosity, or simply choosing peace when tensions rise.

And as a parish family, we can be a beacon of welcome and joy for all who walk through our doors. Maybe we start by simply saying "hello" to the person, we might not know, who is sitting next 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.

THANK YOU … for returning 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. Next weekend will be the last opportunity this year to return your crosses.

CAR PARKING: The roads around the church can get very congested at the weekend Masses, especially at the 10.30am Mass. If you are driving to Mass, please consider using our free car park, at the rear of the church hall. This will help our neighbours who need to get in and out and will help with the congestion too.

CHILDREN'S MASS CARDS AND MISSALS are available at the back of the church to help our little ones to pray and to learn the Mass. Parents please encourage your children to use these as you support them on their Christian journey.

SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON-LINE ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS Mauro Lannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. It's free of charge and begins on Tuesday 17th Feb at 7.00pm and six consecutive Tuesdays (7-8:15pm) on YouTube live.
Register: comeandsee.org/lent26

SO THAT YOU KNOW… Fr Shaun will be travelling back from Wales on Tuesday morning following a funeral. There will therefore be no Mass at SJF on Tuesday morning. On Saturday morning Fr Shaun will be at Westminster Cathedral for the Installation of Bishop Richard Moth as our new Archbishop. Therefore there will be no morning Mass on Saturday. The evening Mass and Sunday Masses are unaffected.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS are in the hall, following the 10.30am Sunday Mass.

LOVE IN ACTION – LENT 2026 Are you looking to become more involved in the life of our parish? Our community already expresses God's love in many wonderful ways — and this Lent, we hope to go even further. We invite you to join us on **Thursday 19th February at 7.00pm in the Church Hall** for a special introduction to LOVE IN ACTION, led by Sr Silvana rscj. Together, we will explore how we can proclaim the Good News in fresh and practical ways through Catholic Social Teaching (CST). We'll officially launch *Love in Action* on the weekend of 21st/22nd February, and the programme will run throughout Lent and into Easter. This is a beautiful opportunity for all of us to deepen our faith and to put love into concrete action within our parish and beyond. Please make a note of the date: Thursday 19th February at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. You will be very warmly welcomed.

PANTOMINE: Congratulations to the Cast, Crew, and all who were involved in the Pantomime, in the church hall this year. There was much joy and laughter and it was great fun to watch. Well done to the Lourdes group for *pulling out all the stops* to make it a great community event. There was a tremendous amount of hard work and talent from all involved. Thank you also if you attended one of the performances. What will the Panto' be next year?

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

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 keep Bishop Richard in your prayers at this time.
www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

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.

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.

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 closes 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/

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.

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 £292.10 (week previous = £298.13) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in December averaged £1259.10. 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.

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.

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 BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is offered for the intentions of
the O'Sullivan family

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Colin Brindle RIP, Tony Leonard 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