THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 16 Feb	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 17 Feb	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **FHC class - hall 5.00pm**	**This Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office**
Wed 18 Feb	**ASH WEDNESDAY** **Day of Fasting & Abstinence**	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass** Mass at 7.00pm	For healing for Bridie Hickie For John O' Sullivan RIP (anniversary)
Thurs 19 Feb	**Lent feria**	Mass at 9.30am **Warm Hub - hall 10.00am** **Love in Action 7.00pm**	For Francis Paul RIP
Fri 20 Feb	**Lent feria**	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition follows Mass**	**This Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office**
Sat 21 Feb	**Lent feria**	Mass at 10.00am	For Colin Brindle RIP
Sun ✠ 22 Feb	**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**	**Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Ken Johnson RIP (anniversary) For George Trussier RIP

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

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Sunday 15th February 2026
THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



CHOOSE THE BETTER WAY!

This Sunday Jesus invites us to look a little deeper - not just at *what* we do, but *why* we do it. He reminds us that following Him isn't about ticking boxes; it's about letting our hearts grow bigger, kinder and more like His.

The book of Sirach, our first reading, tells us God sets before us "life and death" and gives us the freedom to choose. Jesus then shows us how: forgiving quickly, speaking honestly, and keeping peace with one another (even when it's hard!).

St Paul adds the good news: we're not doing this alone. The Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom and the strength we need, especially in those moments when choosing the loving path feels like climbing a hill… in the rain… carrying heavy bags!

As Lent approaches, let us ask: where is Jesus nudging me to grow? What small choice for love can I make today?

May this week be full of grace and peace… with tiny victories of the heart along the way.

Happy Sunday!



ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH
OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

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 your palm crosses for burning to make the ash used on Ash Wednesday. THIS WEEKEND is the last opportunity to return your crosses. Afterwards it will be too late!



ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS COMING WEEK, 18TH FEBRUARY and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses with the imposition of ashes for all who wish, are at 9.30am & 7.00pm. We receive the ashes on our heads with a sense of sorrow for our shortcomings, but also with a sense of hope, that with God's grace, we can repent. We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Mass.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE INFORMATION: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, in addition to the usual Fridays, when we abstain from meat. For us members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from the age of 18 until the age of 60 (unless you have a medical condition). When fasting, a person may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquid, for example water, may be taken at any time. Abstinence from meat on these days is binding on those over 14 years old. Hope this reminder is helpful.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin in church on Friday 27th February at 7.00pm and will continue on every Friday during Lent.

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.

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 **This 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.

BURNS SUPPER — THIS COMING SATURDAY: 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

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.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 27th February. Have a simple meal this Lent and give what you save to help end malnutrition. Donation envelopes are available this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LENT CALENDARS: Children, don't forget to collect a Lent Calendar from the back of the church. They are next to your *'LOOK'* sheets.

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 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

REGISTRATION for the Sacrament of Confirmation programme, for young people in school years 9 & 10 closes on 22nd February. Please read the registration information carefully and check you have all the items required (including photograph) before returning forms to the office.

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

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 £333.90 (week previous: £292.10) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in January averaged £996.46 (January:£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.

PRAYER REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Rosary Prayers are offered on Wed' following the 9.30am Mass**.**

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – Friday 20th March 7.00pm - 10.00pm SJF Church Hall. Please come along and join in the fun – there is a licenced bar and dancing. The entry is £5 per person, payable on the door. Please complete the sign-up sheet in the Church porch area so that we have an idea of numbers. We look forward to celebrating with you all.

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

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Colin Brindle RIP, Tony Leonard 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