THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 31 May	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maria Ligia Teixeira - improving health Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Padraig Harrington RIP
Mon 01 June	St Justin, Martyr	No Mass today	
Tue 02 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1-3pm**	For David Andrews RIP
Wed 03 June	St Charles Lwanga & Comp. Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Stella Margaret Wigfall RIP
Thurs 04 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Fri 05 June	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Sat 06 June	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 07 June	**THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Theo Morris RIP (2nd Anniversary) For our First Holy Communion children

PLEASE switch off your phone and switch on to the LORD and see the possibilities he has in mind for you!

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION follows 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.
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 9 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 1

SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



How often do we make the Sign of the Cross? Every day? Perhaps many times each day? Each time we do, we speak these sacred words: *"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* Today, we pause to reflect more deeply on what they mean.

There is something striking about the number three. One person alone can feel isolated. Two people may share conversation and companionship, but it remains between them. Yet with three, something new happens, there is a sense of joy, of movement, of life. There is space, openness, and even the possibility of welcoming others in.



This gives us a small glimpse into the mystery we celebrate today. Our God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: not three gods, but one God, a perfect communion of love. And within that divine life, there is always room. Room for everyone. And especially, room for you.

So each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are not just reciting familiar words, we are entering into the life of God, a life of love that invites us in and draws us closer.

Happy Trinity Sunday! *Fr Shaun.*

Welcome to Mass at SJF
as we celebrate
the most holy trinity

All our Masses are live streamed at SJF, offering a valuable link for those who are 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 in person.



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: June holds a special place in the hearts of Christians as the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a powerful reminder of Christ's boundless love for each one of us. His Heart speaks of mercy that never fails, compassion that never turns away, and love that reaches out even in our weakness.

This devotion is more than a tradition; it is an invitation. An invitation to draw closer to Jesus, to trust more deeply in His care, and to let His love shape the way we live and treat one another. In a busy and often distracted world, the Sacred Heart gently calls us back to what matters most: love, prayer, and compassion.

This June, take a moment each day to place your joys and burdens in His Heart. Let His love renew your spirit, and through you, touch the lives of others.

THANK YOU: we recently raised £488.70 for the Priest's Training Fund. This will help towards the formation of seminarians for Holy Orders in our Diocese. Throughout the month of May, we have been praying for new priestly vocations We have a number of men in formation but this year for the first time in many years, there will be no ordinations at Westminster Cathedral of new priests. Please continue to pray for vocations.

NEXT SUNDAY the Church celebrates the beautiful Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi. At the 10.30am Mass Our First Holy Communion children are invited to wear their FHC clothes and will lead our Intercessions, in thanksgiving. They will receive their certificates and there will be some party food for them afterwards in the church hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2026… if you would like to become an altar server at the Mass you attend, please speak to Fr Shaun.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aurelia Irene Bentley who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We hold Aurelia in our prayers as she begins her great adventure of faith. We thank her parents, Aislinn & Stephen for bringing Aurelia to this important milestone in her life.

PAT (PATRICIA) BROWN RIP: We sadly report the death of dear Pat Brown, who died last Sunday. Pat was a weekly attender at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass with her husband Noel, until his death. Many parishioners will remember Pat as a teacher at St Ignatius School before her retirement. Pat was comforted by the Sacraments of the Church received in hospital, shortly before her death. We are awaiting funeral details. Please pray for Pat and for her surviving family at this time. *Go forth Christian soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.*

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD WELCOMES POPE LEO'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL: On 25 May 2026, Pope Leo published his first encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, appealing for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace. Responding to it's publication, Archbishop Richard said, "I welcome today's publication of Pope Leo's first encyclical: *Magnifica Humanitas*, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence…" You can read the Archbishop's comments and the Encyclical in full here:
Archbishop welcomes Pope Leo's first Encyclical – Diocese of Westminster

LITTLE CHURCH IS AT THE 10.30AM MASS. There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our children. Parents, please assist your little ones in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grow in confidence and in faith and is great preparation for receiving the Sacraments of the church.

OUT AND ABOUT ON SUNDAY? Did you know that you can still keep your Sunday obligation by joining us for the Vigil Mass (which anticipates Sunday) on Saturday evening at 5.00pm. It would be great to have you with us— you are part of our parish family and you are missed when you are not here.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Sunday 7th June: Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Corpus Christi: Usual weekend Mass times
FHC Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30am
Friday 12th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass at 9.30am
Saturday 13th June: Immaculate Heart of Mary: Mass at 10.00am
Wednesday 24th June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist: Mass at 9.30am
Sunday 28th June: St Peter & St Paul, Apostles: usual weekend Mass times.

YOUR KIND OFFERINGS support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF with your donations, we are very grateful. The loose collection last week was £291.02. (excluding online/card donations) As always you are marvellous - thank you!

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 Wednesday mornings**.**

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament beginning the great adventure of faith for our youngsters. 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.

The Blessed Sacrament lamp: The following weeks, beginning 7th June, 14th June and 21st June are available to sponsor for your special intention. Sponsorship of the Blessed Sacrament lamp is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for these and other available dates.

HOLY COMMUNION may be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make a throne and hands raised up, near to the priest, will avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus but the Body of Christ in Sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is both a beautiful and holy moment with the Lord himself. If you are not a Catholic, or you are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing instead - just place your hands across your chest.

YOUR MASS INTENTION IS IMPORTANT! Thank you if you have booked a Mass intention. They are a beautiful and meaningful spiritual gift. At the heart of the Mass, we bring our prayers to the Lord, whether for a loved one living or deceased, in thanksgiving, or for a special need, and we unite these prayers with Jesus' perfect offering to the Father. Requesting a Mass intention is a powerful way to place what matters to you most, into God's care. Your Mass intention is also a generously practical way of supporting the mission and ministry of the Church. The Mass offering (stipend) recommended by the Diocese is £10 or whatever you can afford), this essentially covers the cost of food for a priest for one day. Every intention is welcomed with prayer and gratitude. Just contact Mandy in the office for available dates.

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The Blessed Sacrament lamp
burning in the sanctuary this week
is for the repose of the souls of Lorna Troop and Mandy Mollentze, both former faithful parish-ioners at SJF. We pray that they are praying for their loved ones in heaven
May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
For Pat Brown RIP
Anniversaries this June
William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson, Neville Grose, John Butterworth, Ann Llewellyn, Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien, Albert Sawyer, Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook, Eileen Kelly, Reginald Snell, Bernadette Pepper, Louis James Rogers (toddler), Tom Bermingham, David Boyce, Julian Rugseth, Peggy Johnstone, Theo Morris, Henrietta Sawbridge, Francis Paul (at 8 years old).
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord