THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 08 June	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 09 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1-3pm**	* For Terry O'Reilly - get well intentions
Wed 10 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	* For Tommy Dowling RIP
Thurs 11 June	St Barnabas, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	* For Michael Rooney
Fri 12 June	**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Sat 13 June	The Immaculate heart of Mary	Mass at 10.00am	For Nola Drake (nee Culnane) RIP
Sun ✠ 14 June	**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Gavin Boyle RIP For Fred Gwyther RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

Mass intentions with * are offered for parishioners at St Georges, Sudbury - with our thanks

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.
PARISH WEB SITE: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here:
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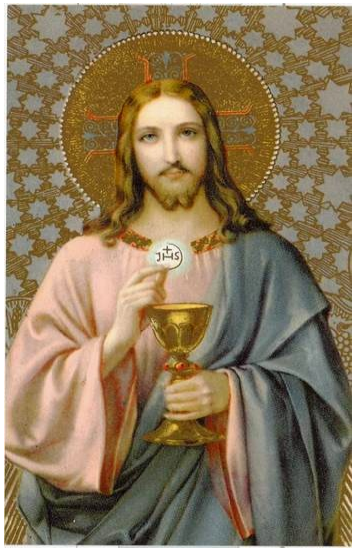
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We are a registered charity No: 233699 To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 10 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 2

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
Weekly Newsletter



The Eucharist isn't something the Church has made up, it's part of God's loving plan for us from the very beginning. The Eucharist, Jesus' Body and Blood isn't just a symbol; It's real. It's how we come into communion with the Father, through the Holy Spirit. This is how God chooses to be with us, here and now.

In this sacred meal, we find everything: a covenant of love, a memorial of sacrifice, a promise of eternal life. It's the beating heart of our faith community, and the nourishment we need for the journey of faith ahead.

Saint John Paul II once said: *"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom."*

We can feel this truth in our own lives. When we come to the Altar, sometimes joyful, sometimes weary and at other times desperately sad, we are met by Christ himself who says "This is my Body" – this is ME, coming to stay with you! He knows us. He welcomes us. He feeds us.



So today, we come forward with open hearts and we receive Jesus in Holy Communion with reverence and gratitude.

Let's carry Jesus' presence with us, into our homes, workplaces, our conversations, and choices. The love we receive at the Altar isn't meant to stay there. It's meant to be lived, shared, and passed on… and one final thing, the Eucharist - the Body of Christ has the ability to revive the heart. When you hear the words: "The Body of Christ" and you respond *"Amen,"* ask Jesus to transform and revive your heart too. Have a good Sunday! *Fr Shaun*

Welcome to Mass at SJF
as we celebrate
the most holy body & blood of Christ

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.

THIS 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 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. All welcome.

HOW THE EUCHARIST CHANGED MY LIFE: In this nine minute film, Fr Mike Schmitz talks about how the Eucharist changed his life. It's well worth watching and you can view it here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yKi2OJ7oqE&t=4s

CONGRATULATIONS to Kaia Kennedy who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We hold Kaia in our prayers as she begins her great adventure of faith. We thank her parents, Cindy and Ken for bringing Kaia to this important milestone in her life.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to everyone who attended and supported the Lourdes Afternoon Tea. We were blessed with beautiful weather, delicious food, stunning surroundings, and wonderful company.
This event would not have been possible without the generosity and hard work of Bernard and Pir, who spent many months planning and preparing for the occasion. A huge heartfelt thank you to them, and to everyone who helped behind the scenes to make the afternoon such a success. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your support, we raised over £1,200 for the Lourdes Fund.

PAT (PATRICIA) BROWN RIP: last week we sadly reported the death of dear Pat Brown. 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. The Funeral Mass for Pat will be at SJF on Wednesday 24th June at 11.30am followed by burial. 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.*

MORE HUMAN: Pope Leo has just published a new encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas.* It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially within the age of AI. Join us for these 3 short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer. In St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Mondays 13th Jul, 21st Sep, 23rd Nov, 7.30-8.45pm. All Welcome!
Register to attend on https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26 These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information.



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.

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.

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:
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 weekend was £307.18 the previous weekend 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.

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.

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.

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. Thank you.

The Blessed Sacrament lamp
burning in the sanctuary this week
is for all children living in places of violence and conflict all over the world.
We hold them in our prayers - Lord hear us.

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