THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 13 Sept	**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Patrick Chimes RIP - 1st anniversary *For the intentions of Bosco Fernandes Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish
Mon 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No Mass today	
Tue 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	For David Andrews RIP
Wed 16 Sept	St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop , Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Annette Holgate
Thurs 17 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Alys & John with all best wishes for their new married life together
Fri 18 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For Maggie Yannikakis for healing
Sat 19 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00 noon**	For Daisy & Alan Gill RIP
Sun ✠ 20 Sept	**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Kieran Reilly RIP - 6th anniversary For Lucian Farcasi RIP - 5th anniversary

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: follows Mass on Wednesday morning.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION - follows Mass on Friday morning
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:
Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 13th September 2026
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

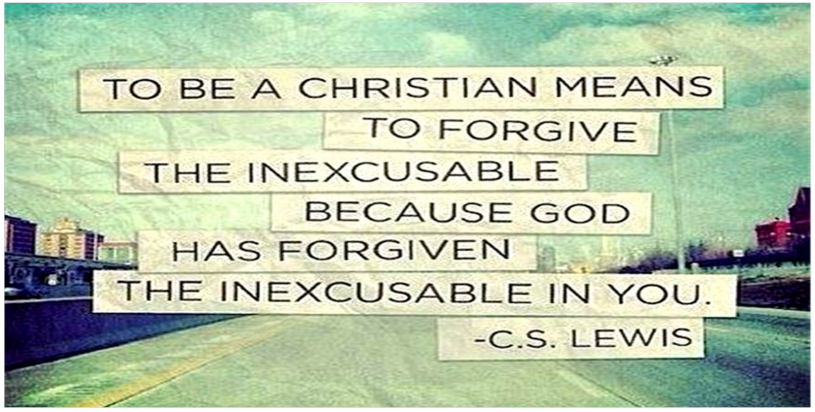
Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 24 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 4



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again" ?

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times

When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that we should never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross. Jesus puts these words into practice: Father, forgive them...
As followers of Jesus, surely we must do likewise? Happy Sunday!



WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF it is great to have you with us here today. If you are visiting or have recently moved to the area welcome! Just so that you know**,** Masses here are live streamed via YouTube, offering a valuable link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through distance or ill health.

LOURDES BIG TREE NIGHT STALL - The Lourdes team have booked their stall for the Big Tree Night on the 9th December and are looking forward to getting festive with the rest of the Shepperton community. We are planning to run a Christmas Tombola with prizes such as bottles, chocolates, sweets, gifts….. anything festive. If you are able to donate anything for our stall, please can you leave it in the porch in the box marked "Lourdes". Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and we hope to see you at Big Tree Night.

SHARE YOUR LOURDES STORY: Have you been on the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Pilgrims are invited to contribute a story, memory or reflection (up to 600 words) for *Inspired by Lourdes*, a book celebrating the pilgrimage and marking 170 years since the Lourdes apparitions. Funds raised from book sales will support a bursary for volunteers and Assisted Pilgrims. Young people under 18 are also invited to design the book cover. The deadline for all submissions is Christmas 2026. For submission details, competition rules and entry information, please visit: **www.inspiredbylourdes.co.uk**.
What is your Lourdes story?

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.

REGISTRATION DETAILS and dates for the next First Holy Communion programme - Class of 2027 are coming soon! Please note weekly classes will be held on Thursdays 5.00 - 6.15pm not Tuesdays as in previous years.

EARLY BIRD… Catholic Pocket Diaries for 2027 which also contain the Order of the Mass are available from the repository shop - £3.50 each.

THE HOLY ROSARY for those who wish is now prayed in church on Wednesday mornings - see back page for details. If you would like to know how to pray this lovely devotion - just come along and you will be guided. You will be most welcome.

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass: in the church Hall. Thank you to all who are on our refreshments rota, you make a great difference to the hospitality we offer at SJF. Toilets and baby changing facilities are also available in the hall.

THE SPELTHORNE ORCHESTRA is delighted to return to St John Fisher on Sunday 11th October with its new concert programme of Classical Music. Highlights include Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in E minor, Mendelssohn's Pilgrims March from the Italian Symphony and excerpts from L'Arlesienne Suite by Bizet. Please put the date in your diary: Sunday 11th October, 4.00 - 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall beforehand and in the interval. more details to follow soon.

ANOTHER DATE - THE NEXT *BEETLE DRIVE* will be held in the hall on Friday 6th November. We are also planning a ***RACE NIGHT*** - date to be confirmed.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: A Certificate of Catholic Practice confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that a family are regular at Mass at St John Fisher. Certificates can be requested by Catholic families whose children are Baptised. You'll need to provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate when requesting a Certificate of Practice from Fr Shaun. If you happen to have recently moved into the area, it is usual for your previous parish priest to provide certification. Applications for children who are not Catholic or non practising Catholics, can still be made for Catholic schools without a certificate. Full details on eligibility at: Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service (rcdow.org.uk)

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY:
Admission to Year 7 in 2027. Open Mornings Thursday 24th Sept, 1st Oct and 8th Oct. Tours from 8.45am, 9.00 and 9.15am *Please note that tour bookings are NOT required.* **Open Evening** Thursday 24th Sept from 5.30pm - 7.30pm Headteacher Evening Address 5.45pm and 6.30pm. **Sixth Form Open Evening Admission to Year 12 in 2027.** Wed 30th Sept from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Address at 6.30pm

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**.**

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. This is a good deed done. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank. Many, many thanks.

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 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 £267.66. The previous weekend was £323.75 (excluding online/card donations)
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online for the month of August averaged £846.87 . Thank you! As always, you are brilliant!

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.

THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, TEDDINGTON invite you to a Mass with special attention to children and adults with additional needs on Saturday 19th Sept at 6:00pm, followed with light refreshments. All are most welcome, particularly parishioners and visitors with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? A new programme will begin in late Autumn for adults who would like to become Catholics and be received into the church at Easter. But don't miss out… if you are a Catholic but have not made your Confirmation or First Holy Communion - this programme is for you as well. This is a very relaxed series of sessions, there are no tests and absolutely no experience of Catholicism is necessary… just an open heart! The programme will run on Thursday evenings in the church hall. More details will follow soon, so watch this space and have a think about it.
P.S. If you are a fully fledged Catholic and you want to learn a little more about your faith, you are welcome to come along as well - just let us know.

HEADS UP: the next ***Coffee Connections*** morning will be on **Thursday 24th September,** in the hall, from 10.00am -12 noon. All welcome!

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL : open mornings now available . You will find details on their website: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/UBWZL8fmJ4

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the soul of
Peter Cosstick RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARIES THIS SEPTEMBER
Fred Manning, Christina Maksymiuw, Clive Ross, Winifred Sissons, Claude Ross, Michael O' Reilly, Sheila Thompson, Thomas Smith, Robert Blues, John Maloney, Fr John B Elliott, Dorothy Ormes
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD