THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 21 Sept	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	No Mass today	
Tue 22 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	For Mrs Ann Edgar RIP
Wed 23 Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass** **Finance Committee - hall**	For John & Nora O'Connell RIP
Thurs 24 Sept	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	Mass at 9.30am **Coffee Connections -hall 10.00 - 12.00**	For Tom Clark RIP
Fri 25 Sept	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Sat 26 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00 noon**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 27 Sept	**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maria Ligia Teixeira & ongoing treatment For Freda Fernandes - birthday blessings Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish

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 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 25 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 1



WOULD YOU CALL GOD UNFAIR?

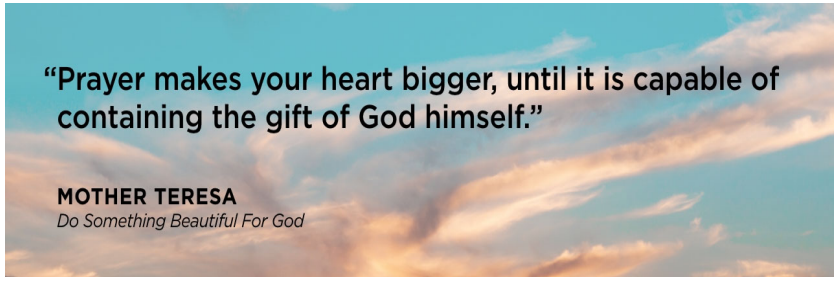
In this Sunday's Gospel, workers who labour for only one hour receive the same wage as those who have worked all day. It hardly seems fair, but Jesus is not teaching us economics. He is revealing the astonishing generosity of God, whose grace cannot be earned or measured by comparison.



We can easily become resentful when others receive blessings we think they have not deserved. We can sometimes find ourselves keeping score: comparing our sacrifices, our service, or the blessings received by others. Yet the Lord asks us to replace envy with gratitude. His mercy is greater than our calculations, and his ways are higher than our ways.

As Christians, we don't keep score, but instead we are asked to celebrate God's generosity. As St Paul urges us, may we live "in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ," standing together in faith.

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.

THIS WEEKEND the Church celebrates *Home Mission Sunday*, giving thanks for the gift of faith and renewing our commitment to share the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus. This year's theme, *"Magnifica Humanitas"* the greatness of humanity, reminds us that every person is created and loved by God, with a unique dignity and vocation. As Christians, we are called to recognise this dignity and to care for one another, building our community marked by compassion and hope. Our mission is not only to proclaim the Gospel in words, but also to witness to Christ through lives of love and practical care. Every baptised person has a part to play in this mission, sharing the joy of faith and helping others to encounter the love of God. You can read more about this here: https://cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday

CONGRATULATIONS to Alys Dally and John Hellyer who celebrated their Wedding and Nuptial Mass last week. We pray that their marriage together will be filled with love and joy.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matilde Marianne who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for baby Matilde as she begins her great adventure of faith. We thank her parents, Rosa and James for bringing Marianne to this important milestone in her life.

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Visit www.magisterium.com to ask questions in your own words and discover clear answers based on trusted Catholic sources. It's a helpful aid for exploring the Holy Scriptures and Church teaching, or if you just want to know more about the Saint of the day, the Holy Sacraments or what the Holy Father is doing!

ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, has offered his gratitude and thanks to those who wrote to their MPs to stop the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* progressing through parliament. Archbishop Sherrington also expressed his gratitude to disability rights groups and legal and healthcare professionals for raising a collective voice to uphold "the dignity and sanctity of every life." The Bill failed after Second Reading by 270 (Yes) votes to 286 (No) a majority of 16. Thank you to all from SJF, who contacted their MP.

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Is your child due to start reception in Sept 2027? If so we would love to welcome you to join one of our Open Events. During your visit you will have the opportunity to tour the school, hear from our headteacher and learn about life at our school. Our open day events take place on: Wed 30th Sept at 9.30am, Mon 19th Oct at 9.30am Wed 18th Nov at 9.30am, Mon 7th Dec at 9.30am. To book please go to: https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU? If you have ever wondered whether God might be calling you to serve the Church as a Priest or Permanent Deacon, learn more at the Come & See Vocations Morning: Sat 17th Oct, 10.30-1.30 at Ealing Abbey. . To find out more and register your attendance: contact Canon Roger Taylor, the Vocations Promoter vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk

LOURDES BIG TREE NIGHT STALL - The Lourdes team have a stall for the Big Tree Night on the 9th Dec 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

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 for children who come to SJF regularly, will be held on Thursdays, 5.00 - 6.15pm

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. Tickets are on sale now.

THE NEXT *BEETLE DRIVE* will be held in the hall on Friday 6th November.

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)

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 KINDNESS supports 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 £335.02 The previous weekend was £267.66 (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!

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.

COFFEE CONNECTIONS is this coming Thurs 24th Sept, in the hall, from 10.00am -12 noon. All are very welcome!

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the souls of
Elizabeth and George Killingbeck 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