THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 28 Sept	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 29 Sept	SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	Offered for a private intention
Wed 30 Sept	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Noreen Galvin RIP & Joan Pears RIP
Thurs 01 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Aquilino Lara Francisco Sanchez RIP
Fri 02 Oct	Holy Guardian Angels **(CAFOD Fast Day)**	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For the Tams family - in memory
Sat 03 Oct	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 ✠ 04 Oct	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Kathleen Cullivan RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Jonathan Lynch RIP

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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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/

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 27th September 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 26 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 2



The Gospel for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, presents a parable of the two sons. One son, initially refuses to go into the vineyard to work, but later obeys and goes to work. The other son, who agrees to go to work, doesn't follow through. This story emphasises the value of actions over words, highlighting true obedience. This calls to mind a saying: "Actions speak louder than words". This reminds us about honouring the commitments we make in life, but also the commitments we make to God. The parable begs an important question for us to seriously consider: Am I living out my faith in God fully or am I just treading water? Perhaps another hypothetical question to ask, might help to provide an answer to the first question: If I were ever to be arrested, on a charge of being a Catholic Christian... would there be any evidence to convict me? 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.

MARY'S MEALS UPDATE: We are delighted to report back, that our foreign coin collection raised £513.89. This is on top of the £461 cash donations made following the charity appeal. Thank you! If you would like to know more about their work, please pick up a booklet from the church porch table as you leave.

CONGRATULATIONS to Frances & Cliff Soiza who celebrated 42 years of married life together this past week. We pray that their life together continues to be filled with grace and happiness.

GOING TO FATIMA? If there are any parishioners who are considering a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal, another parishioner would love to join you. Please let us know in the office and we can put you in contact.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eleanor & Louis who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for them both as they begin their great adventure of faith. We thank their parents, James and Emilia for bringing their children to this important milestone in their lives.

YOU ALL COUNT: The national Annual Mass count of numbers of parishioners attending Mass continues at all Masses in every Catholic Church this weekend. The count measures attendance for each parish across the Catholic Church. The figures are then sent to our Diocesan Offices, to the Bishops' Conference and to the Vatican in Rome, to count attendance world wide. We also collate information regarding the life of our church, including figures relating to the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. Additionally we include the number of funerals which have taken place. If you spot someone clicking away with a counter - you'll know why.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER Please donate to the CAFOD Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

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!

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. To book please go to:
https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/

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

T BAKER & CO, ROADSHOW will be hiring our Hall on Thurs 1st Oct. 11.00am - 3.00pm to offer a vintage valuation and buying service of gold, silver, jewellery etc… You can read more about this company at: www.tbakerroadshow.co.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.

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 after Mass. £10 for adults, but children under 16 years go free!

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 £365.29 The previous weekend was £335.02 (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!

ST MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL - PRAY FOR US

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 souls of
Lorna Troop and Mandy Mollentze
May they rest in peace

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