THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 05 Oct	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 06 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	For Lara, Rosanne's daughter, for healing
Wed 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Michele Windle RIP (Birthday)
Thurs 08 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Theresa Aherne RIP
Fri 09 Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For David Andrews RIP
Sat 10 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 11 Oct	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Joao Rodrigues Teixeira RIP *The 8.30am Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office* 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)

MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER
Parish Office: Telephone: 01932 563116 Email: shepperton@rcdow.org.uk
Parish Priest: Fr. Shaun Richards shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk
Administrator: Mandy Howick 9.00am - 1.00pm shepperton@rcdow.org.uk
Book keeper: Flora Mascarenhas (Mondays): sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk
Address: St John Fisher Catholic Church, 15 Wood Road, Shepperton. TW17 0DH
website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton
Parish Safeguarding: Mandy Howick (until appointment is made) sheppertonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: 020 7798 9356
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 4TH OCTOBER 2026
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 27 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 3



For the third Sunday running, we find ourselves in a vineyard. It's a fitting image for God's Kingdom: vines need patient care, watering, pruning and plenty of attention, before they bear fruit. There are no instant results in a vineyard, so the owner has every reason to hope for a good harvest.

In Jesus' parable, however, the tenants fail to give the owner his share of the fruit. Worse still, they reject and kill the messengers sent to them and even his son. The story reminds us how patiently God cares for his people, and how much he hopes our lives will bear good fruit.



The vineyard is now entrusted to others. That means us, not as owners, but as stewards. A vineyard flourishes when its workers share in the work; a parish does too, when we collectively share our gifts, talents and expertise for the building up of SJF and the Lord's Kingdom.

So what kind of harvest will our corner of the Lord's vineyard, here in Shepperton, produce and what will be your contribution?
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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christine Pepper who celebrates her 80th birthday this Sunday. We wish Christine, Ad multos annos - many more years!

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.
POPE LEO APPEALS TO THE FAITHFUL: *"I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation. May our most holy Mother intercede for us!"* The Holy Rosary is prayed in church on Wednesday mornings following Mass. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver & Amelie 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, Danielle and Stuart for bringing their children to this wonderful milestone in their lives.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Thank you for participating in the Fast Day last Friday. Please leave your CAFOD. (Catholic Aid for Overseas Development) envelope or loose donations in the bucket by the front doors as you leave Mass. Your kindness goes a long way to helping those people who are less fortunate than ourselves

FHC REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEKEND: The First Holy Communion programme 2027 will begin in January with classes on Thursdays 5.00 — 6.15pm Please note this programme is for children who come to Mass here regularly and are in school years 3 & 4. Importantly, all children, prior to the first class, should be confident in making the sign of the cross and able to say the Our Father and the Hail Mary prayers.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI-800TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH IN 1226 Saturday 3rd Oct 2026 marked the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. His feast day is kept the following day, Sunday 4th Oct. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, which concludes on Sun 10th Jan 2027. During this year, any of the faithful may obtain a *plenary indulgence by visiting a church dedicated to Saint Francis or a Franciscan community
***A plenary indulgence is the Church's prayerful help, through Christ, to remove all the remaining spiritual consequences of sins that have already been forgiven. It does not forgive the sin itself, that happens through repentance and, the sacrament of reconciliation (confession)*

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**.**

WE NEED YOU! WARM HUB 2027: Thursdays 10.00-12.00noon throughout Jan and Feb. We are looking for helpers to be part of a team to make tea and coffee for the guests at the Hub in our hall. A great way to get to know people – you would be on a rota and only help on the weeks you volunteer for. Please let Mandy know asap, if you want to be part of the team.

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). Every intention is welcomed with prayer and gratitude. Just contact Mandy in the office for available dates.
If you are a UK tax payer your Mass offering can go even further through Gift Aid and is worth an extra 25p for every £1 - please do tell us. Gift Aid makes a big difference to us as a charity. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Sunday 11th Oct Concert in church 4.00pm
Sunday 1st Nov: ALL SAINTS: usual w/end Masses
Monday 2nd Nov: ALL SOULS' DAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Mass at 9.30am.
Friday 6th Nov: BEETLE DRIVE
Saturday 7th Nov: 12 noon: Blessing of Graves at Sunbury Cemetery.
Sunday 8th Nov: Remembrance Sunday**:**
10.30am: Requiem Mass for the War Dead.
(Other Masses as usual)
Sunday 22nd Nov: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: usual w/end Mass times.

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!

LOURDES BIG TREE NIGHT STALL - The Lourdes team 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.

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.

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. Tickets out soon!.

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. Please 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)

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 £251.34 The previous weekend was £365.29 (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!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the soul of
Michele Windle
May she rest in peace

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
ANNIVERSARIES THIS OCTOBER
Frank Nagle, Peter King, Christopher Moran, Kitty Burden, Stella Loftus, Peter Willson, Anna Casey Clarke, Michael Hennessey, John Broadhurst, Suzannah Spiller, John Brett, Jacqueline Restel, Philip Bunce, Patrick Farrell, Ian Mitchell, Joyce Tracey, Kay Pollard, Thelma Bingle.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD