THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 11 Oct	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Joao Rodrigues Teixeira RIP For a private intention Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish
Mon 12 Oct	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 13 Oct	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR (Diocesan Feast)	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Wed 14 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Yvette Town-Jones RIP - 1st anniversary (nee De Souza)
Thurs 15 Oct	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Jennifer Cepe - In thanksgiving
Fri 16 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For Lara - for healing
Sat 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 18 Oct	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Mrs Windle - for a special intention Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Jonathan Lynch RIP - 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 11TH OCTOBER 2026
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 28 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 4



As the Church's year begins to draw toward its close, the Sunday readings turn our thoughts to the end of time. Today's Gospel offers a glimpse of that horizon in Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet.

The parable continues the recent Gospel readings, which have challenged us to consider how we respond to God's invitation. Its warning is against complacency. We are baptised, we come to the holy Mass, and we trust in God's mercy, but are we ready to welcome the Bridegroom when he comes? Or can the concerns of daily life distract us from the faith we profess?

Jesus presents himself as the Bridegroom and warns that even those who have received God's invitation can fail to respond to it. We believe that he will come again; meanwhile, the parable invites each of us to examine how faithfully we are living in readiness for him.

Together, today's readings speak of God's generosity, protection and care. They also call us to respond with genuine commitment: to God, to his Church, and to the life of faith. May we receive his breath-taking invitation with wide open hearts and live in a way that reflects our hope in him. Happy Sunday — stay blessed!

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.

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK From Friday 9th – Thursday 15th October, the UK marks *Baby Loss Awareness Week*. We unite especially with parents, siblings, grandparents and other relatives grieving a baby who has died in or outside the womb. Every day in the United Kingdom, over a dozen children die in the womb, during birth, or shortly afterwards. Each is a unique human being with a soul and God-given identity. For parents and relatives, this represents the loss of a loved one, whose life is infinitely valuable, and who leaves an unfillable void. If you are a parent who is going through the loss of an infant child, Fr Shaun is available for pastoral support. The charity 'Life'. Can also offer help. Click here if online: Pregnancy loss? - Life or telephone :0808 802 5433 to access our free online counselling.

Eternal Father,
through the intercession of Mary,
who bore your Son and stood by the cross as he
died, grant to all parents in their grief
the assistance of her presence,
the comfort of her faith
and the reward of her prayers.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**.**

THIS WEEKEND: THE SPELTHORNE ORCHESTRA is delighted to return to St John Fisher this 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 support this event if you possibly can. 4 - 6pm. With an interval and a licensed bar. Tickets are available on the door. £10 for adults, but children under 16 years go free! Money raised will be for the Church Roof Fund and Lourdes Fund.

SCAFFOLDING has been erected on the Squires Road side of the church to investigate the water ingress into the church, across the roof dormers. The roofers will also consider other designs for better drainage. The cost to St John Fisher Church for the investigative works, scaffolding and repairs will be £1,920.00

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.

BACK BY POPULAR: DEMAND BETTLE DRIVE Friday 6th November. Doors open at 7:00pm. Beetle Drive starts at 7:30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets go on sale from Saturday 17th October

TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER: With the exception of *Little Church* (at the 10.30am Sunday Mass), when children are in the care and supervision of Little Church Catechists, children should not leave the church unattended during Mass or wander around the building. Most importantly, a reminder that for safety, children are not allowed into the kitchen at any time (including for hall bookings), where there is boiling water. Please accompany your children if they need to use the toilet. Many thanks.

BE FAMILIAR... with our church exit doors and routes. You may have been coming to SJF for many years or are at SJF for the first time. It's always a good idea to look around to see where your nearest exit route is, in the event that we ever need to evacuate our building at short notice. Thank you.

FHC REGISTRATION FORMS are at the back of the church from this weekend. The First Holy Communion programme 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.

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 from 7.00pm
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.

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.

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 £333.10 The previous weekend was £251.34 (excluding online/card donations) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online for the month of September averaged £1,037.33 Thank you! As always, you are brilliant!

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

BEFORE MASS BEGINS, LET'S AVOID THE PINGS! Please turn your mobile phone to silent.

The Blessed Sacrament lamp
burning in the sanctuary this week
is for the repose of the soul of
Tim Keohane RIP
May he 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