THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 19 Oct	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 20 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	For Maria Vas RIP & Antonio Fernandes RIP
Wed 21 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For the Holy Father, Pope Leo - for healing following surgery
Thurs 22 Oct	St John Paul II, Pope	Mass at 9.30am	For Agnes Reynolds RIP
Fri 23 Oct	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sat 24 Oct	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
(BST ENDS 2.00am) Sun ✠ 25 Oct	**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Jose Alberto Mendes RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Kathleen Pollard 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:
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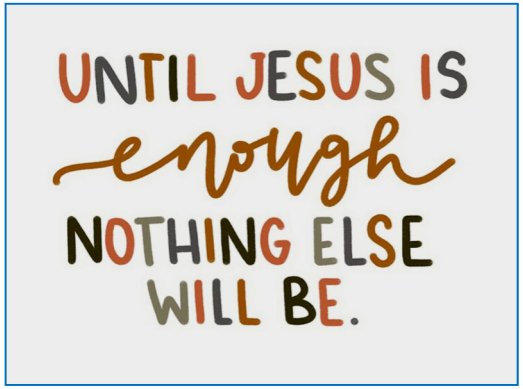
SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 29 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 1



TO WHOM DO WE BELONG? The Holy Gospel for this Sunday, presents a scenario where the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus with a question about taxes. They asked if it was right to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus' response was both astute and revealing: "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This interaction highlights a distinct separation between earthly obligations and spiritual commitments. Paying taxes, as unpleasant as it might be, is an earthly duty. It's a part of living in a society, and everyone must contribute.

However, Jesus' answer also alludes to a deeper truth. While we owe certain things to our governments or leaders, our ultimate allegiance is to God. Everything we are and everything we have originates from him.



This passage challenges us to consider where our true loyalties lie. It reminds us that while we have duties in this world, our primary duty is to our Creator. Balancing our earthly and spiritual commitments is key, but remembering to whom we ultimately belong provides clarity in decision-making and action. We belong to God.

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.

HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO: Our Archbishop, Richard Moth, said this week: "It is with gratitude and relief that we learned that Pope Leo's surgery on Tuesday (13 Oct) at Rome's Gemelli Hospital was successful. "We now know that Pope Leo was diagnosed with lung carcinoma and, in this month of the Holy Rosary, we entrust his recovery to the maternal care of Our Lady Health of the Sick.
"I ask that Catholics in England and Wales, and indeed all people of goodwill, pray for Pope Leo – in our homes and in our parishes – that he may be restored to full health after a period of rest and recuperation. "We also remember all those who are experiencing illness at this time, and keep them, their families and those who care for the sick in our prayers."

Lord Jesus, we entrust to you our Holy Father, Pope Leo, as he recovers from lung surgery. Grant him the grace of serenity, and guide those who care for him, that they may act with wisdom and attentiveness. Grant him a swift and complete recovery, freeing him from all suffering. Mary, Mother of the Church and Health of the Sick, protect him under your mantle and be at his side at every moment. 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**.**

THANK YOU to all who supported the Spelthorne orchestral concert here last Sunday. We had a very full church and it was a really joyous occasion and the music was excellent. Thank you to all involved with everything from ticket sales, organisation, bar and generally everything it takes to run a fundraising event. We are still totalling up the amount raised for our church roof fund and for Lourdes and will let you know soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aidan & Andrea 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, for bringing their children to this wonderful milestone in their lives.

CAFOD: Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Our parish raised £387.95 to help more children stay in school. Thank you! To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: **cafod.org.uk/parish**

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 is £1,920.00

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.

FANCY VOLUNTEERING… at our First Holy Communion classes from January 2027? A lovely opportunity to support our younger children and great for Duke of Edinburgh award participants! Interested? Speak to our catechist, Stephanie Copperwheat.

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 - BEETLE DRIVE Friday 6th Nov. Doors open at 7:00pm. The Beetle Drive starts at 7:30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets go on sale from this weekend £10 adults and children under 16 go free! All the money raised goes towards the church roof fund.

NOVEMBER SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES will be available to pre-order from next weekend. These candles will burn in the church from All Souls' on Monday, 2nd November, in remembrance of our departed loved ones. They will be available for the duration of the month. More details will follow next week.



SAVE THE DATE: Join the Lourdes Group on Friday 4th December for a festive evening of live music, Christmas cheer and seasonal celebrations. More details to follow! BTW: we are still collecting for the Tombola (bottles, chocolates, sweets, gifts… anything festive), for the Lourdes Big Tree Night stall. 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

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, into God's care, whilst supporting the mission of the Church. The Mass offering 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 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.

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.

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 £273.74 The previous weekend was £333.10 (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!

NEXT COFFEE CONNECTIONS is on Thurs 29th Oct.



NEXT SUNDAY IS SLEEP-IN SUNDAY! Sunday, 25th Oct. British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back one hour, to GMT, so you get an extra hour under the duvet, refreshed and ready for Sunday morning Mass!

SPOTTED THE DIFFERENCE? The spot lights in the sanctuary have been speedily replaced, after the original spot lights finally failed. The new versions are dimmable, giving us additional flexibility for the various liturgies throughout the year.

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 Christine Pepper,
in celebration of her birthday (4th October)

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
CLAUDIA BALESTRIERI RIP
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