THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 01 Nov	THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	*For the Intentions of Bosco Fernandes For Amelia Diekmann RIP (1999) Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish
Mon 02 Nov	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)	Mass at 9.30am	For all Holy Souls
Tue 03 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Knit & Natter - Hall 1 -3	For Fr Peter Sharp celebrating his birthday
Wed 04 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Laura Reynolds RIP
Thurs 05 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Paul Robigo — for a swift recovery
Fri 06 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Adoration follows Mass Beetle Drive - Hall 7pm	For all Holy Souls
Sat 07 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am Blessing of Graves 12noon	For Elizabeth & George Killingbeck RIP
Sun ✠ 08 Nov 	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Jeff Saunders RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For the repose of the souls of the War Dead

Mass intentions with * are offered for parishioners at St George, Sudbury - with our thanks

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.
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 1st November 2026
THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
Weekly Newsletter



FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABOURS REST - ALLELUIA!

Many of the Saints in heaven are unknown to us. They didn't make headlines or have churches named after them, but they lived faithfully, loved deeply, and followed Jesus with quiet courage. Today, we honour them all.

Of course, we also remember the Saints we've known in our own lifetimes, wonderful people like St John Paul II, St Teresa of Calcutta, and more recently, young St Carlo Acutis, the "Millennial Saint." Their lives continue to inspire us, and their prayers support us still. Even if their names aren't always on our lips, their witness remains a light for our own journey.

So what does it take to be a saint? Today's Gospel, the Beatitudes, gives us the answer. Holiness isn't found in grand gestures or public acclaim. Holiness is found in gentleness, mercy, peace-making, faithful mourning, purity of heart, and poverty of spirit. These are virtues we practise in the ordinary moments of life, especially with those closest to us.

The Holy Church reminds us that holiness is not a distant ideal, it is a daily calling. The Solemnity of All Saints this weekend invites us to see that sanctity is within reach for us all, if we simply keep the faith and walk with Christ. May all the Saints, known and unknown, pray for us.

Happy Sunday - Happy Solemnity!

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.

WE DON'T GENERALLY … celebrate a Mass at SJF on Mondays, as Fr Shaun is usually away on his rest day. This coming Monday however is **All Souls' Day,** so there will be one Mass at 9.30am. Memorial candles will also begin to be lit from Monday onward. Please do come and pray for your loved ones and for all the faithful departed, and not least, for those who have died who have no one to pray for them.

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. In life we pray for our loved ones, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. All Souls' sheets for the names of your departed loved ones, are available at the back of church, to take away and return when completed.

NOVEMBER SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are available to pre-order from the repository shop. These candles will burn in the church from All Souls' Day, Mon, 2nd November, in remembrance of our departed loved ones. They will be available for the duration of the month whilst we have stock at £5 each.



BE PREPARED: So often in the Holy Scriptures, we are encouraged to be prepared. In November, our thoughts naturally turn to loved ones who have died and who we remember with prayer and affection. It can also be a good time to reflect gently on our own future arrangements. Many people use this season to review their Will or write down their funeral wishes, perhaps noting favourite hymns and reading from the Holy Bible, or whether they would prefer a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word, burial or cremation. This is not a gloomy task. Rather, it is a thoughtful and loving gift to those we leave behind. By making these decisions now, we can ease the burden on our families and give them comfort in knowing they are carrying out our wishes. Of your charity, you may also wish to consider leaving a gift in your Will to St John Fisher Church, a place where faith has been nurtured, prayers have been offered, and friendships have been formed. Such a gift is a lasting way of giving thanks for all that the parish has meant to you, while helping to support its mission for future generations, just as previous generations have done for us. Thank you. There are simple leaflets in the porch to help you get started. Feel free to take one home and begin the conversation.

YOU ARE REALLY HELPING: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our FOOD BANK BOX, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support

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**.**

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? A new programme will begin on Thursday 14th January 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 7.30 — 8.45pm. Registration forms available from this week from Fr Shaun.
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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES are available at the back of church, for a donation to this honourable cause. We thank Bernard Troop who has organised these again for us this year. You can make your donation in cash or by using the QR code on the box. 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.

BEETLE DRIVE Friday 6th November. Doors open at 7:00pm and the Beetle Drive starts at 7:30pm. With a Licensed Bar. Tickets are on sale now. £10 adults and children under 16 go free! All the money raised goes towards the Church Roof Fund.

FHC REGISTRATION FORMS are available from Fr Shaun. Please note this programme is for children who come to Mass here regularly and are in school years 3 & 4. The First Holy Communion programme will begin in January with classes on Thursdays 5.00 - 6.15pm Importantly, all children, prior to the first class, need be confident in making the sign of the cross and able to say the Our Father and the Hail Mary prayers. If they are unable to do these, they will not be ready for this forthcoming programme.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
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.

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 £305.08 The previous weekend was £264.64 (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!

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HOLY COMMUNION may be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand. If receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ: one hand firmly under the other, forming a throne, with hands raised near the priest to help avoid dropping the Host. In Holy Communion, we receive not a symbol of Jesus, but the Body of Christ in sacramental form. This makes it a beautiful and sacred encounter with the Lord himself. If you are not a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic who is not receiving Holy Communion, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply place your hands across your chest.

CAR PARKING: The roads around the church can get very congested at the weekend Masses, especially at the 10.30am Mass. If you are driving to Mass, please consider using our free car park, at the rear of the church hall. This will help our neighbours who need to get in and out and will help with the congestion too. Thank you.

THE HOLY ROSARY for those who wish is 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.

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 sponsored for
Lorna Troop RIP & Mandy Mollentze RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Claudia Balestrieri RIP, Reg May RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS NOVEMBER
Reginald Atfield, Kathleen Homewood, Dennis Turner, Christina Salt, Winifred Ray, Janet Parsons, Maureen Bernardinis, MaryAnge Pepper, Kieran O'Sullivan, Richard Caplis, Brian Hayes, Bridget Keating, Mary Weathers, Caroline Pegley, Winifred Lockwood, Joan Colnbrook, Peter Pollard, Norman Parsons, June Ryan, Austin Jennings, Mandy Mollentze, Baby Domenico Stillitano, Eileen Hyatt.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD