THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 09 Nov	**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 10 Nov	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - Hall 1 -3**	For all holy souls
Wed 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Luke Frewin RIP
Thurs 12 Nov	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Carmel Drury RIP
Fri 13 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For Albert & Rita Clifton RIP
Sat 14 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Stephen Gray RIP
Sun ✠ 15 Nov	**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Jose Manuel Capello RIP For Mario Coppi RIP

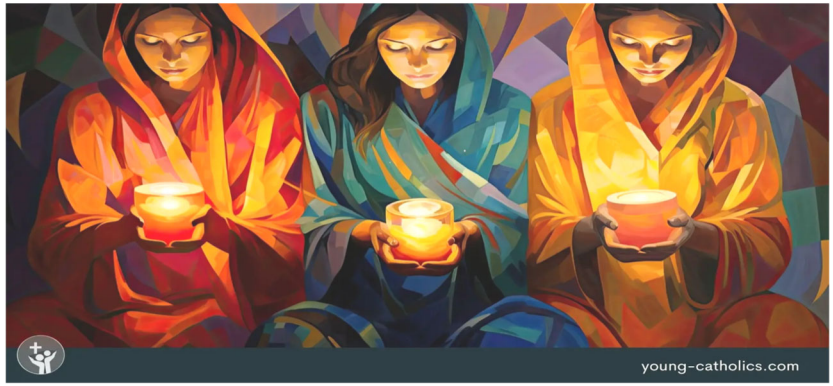
HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: follows Mass on Wednesday morning.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION - follows Mass on Friday morning
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
PRAYER REQUEST BOX: at the back of the church.
PARISH WEB SITE: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here:
Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 32 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 4

Sunday 8th November 2026
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Weekly Newsletter



This weekend the Bible readings invite us to seek God's wisdom, place our hope in Jesus, and remain ready to welcome him. Wisdom is described as radiant and near to those who earnestly seek her. The psalm gives voice to that longing: just as a thirsty person searches for water, the faithful soul yearns for God and finds joy in remembering him.

In his Letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul offers comfort to those grieving loved ones who have died. Christian hope is rooted in Jesus' resurrection: those who have died knowing Jesus, will be raised, and together with the living, will meet the Lord.

Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids brings these themes together. As they wait for the bridegroom, only those who have prepared are ready when he arrives. The Gospel encourages us to live attentively, not with fear, but with steady faith and a heart turned towards the Lord. We should not presume that we can put off readiness until the last moment; so we prepare by seeking God's wisdom and remaining faithful each day.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - A Requiem Mass for the War Dead will be celebrated this Sunday 8th Nov at 10.30am. A two minute silence will be kept at the end of the intercessory prayers.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPIES are available at the back of church, for a donation to this honourable cause. Please do help our veterans if you can. We thank Bernard Troop who has organised these again for us this year.

WE THANK JAMES MILLER who will lay the poppy wreath on behalf of St John Fisher community at the Shepperton War Memorial this Sunday.

MOVING TO WALES With heartfelt gratitude we want to say thank you to our cherished SJF family for over 30 years of friendship and support. We carry you in our hearts and wish you well until we see you again. With love and prayers, Traci and Richard Blundell.
(We send the Blundells our prayers, good wishes and Godspeed, as they prepare for their new adventure in Wales.)

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 fill in. Just place them in the basket in front of the altar when completed.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are available to order from the repository shop. These candles will burn in the church during November, in remembrance of our departed loved ones. Just complete a label and let the Sacristans have it together with your £5 per candle or you can make your payment via the card machine..

NOVEMBER is a time when we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer and affection. It can also be an opportunity to reflect on our own future arrangements. Many people use this season to review their Will, record their funeral wishes, choose favourite hymns and readings from the Bible and decide between burial or cremation. This is not a gloomy task, but a thoughtful 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. You may of your charity also wish to remember St John Fisher Church in your Will. Such a gift is a lasting way of giving thanks for the parish's place in your life and helping to support its mission for future generations. Leaflets are available in the porch to help you get started. Please also take a look at these video links regarding the Catholic Church's teaching regarding burial rather than the scattering of ashes. If you are reading this online, just click the link:
Why do Catholics bury the dead instead of scattering their ashes?
https://youtu.be/D2M367Kj-Zg?si=9b7ClGLlO1j85Dpp
Questions on cremation and burial
https://youtu.be/UAgegUFHx4g?si=alp0D-v_ojsmR1Cm

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**.**

THE RETIRING COLLECTION next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. As always - thank you.

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.

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.

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

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Sunday 22nd Nov: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: usual w/end Mass times.
Sunday 29th Nov: - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday 8th Dec: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Mass at 9.30am

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 £336.62 The previous weekend was £305.08 (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!

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.

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 souls of the faithful departed

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