THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 17 Nov	Feria	No Mass today **Knit & Natter - Hall 1 -3**	
Wed 18 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Teresa Almeida RIP
Thurs 19 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **FUNERAL MASS 11.30AM**	For All departed souls including Francis and the Joseph Family RIP **REG MAY RIP**
Fri 20 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	A special intention for the Blundell family
Sat 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 10.00am	For all the Holy Souls
Sun ✠ 22 Nov	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maureen & Rino Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Timothy Aherne 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:
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 15th November 2026
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday marks the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, as we prepare for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, next Sunday. This leads into the 34th and last week in Ordinary Time. Today's readings, like those of last week, continue to remind us that we need to be prepared for the end of time, an event which the authors of the New Testament thought was imminent.

The First Reading, from Proverbs, suggests that we should embody all the qualities of 'the perfect wife' as seen through the eyes of the author. She is industrious and diligent, not just for her family but also for the poor and the needy.

In the Second Reading, St Paul tells us that the Day of the Lord will come when we least expect it, 'like a thief in the night'. We should remain wide awake in anticipation of the Lord's coming.

In the Gospel reading, the parable of the talents reminds us to use the gifts and talents we have for the benefit of others.

Everyone has been given talents, and it is our duty to use them in the service of the Church and Society. So this week, perhaps spend some time reflecting on how best to use the talents you have been entrusted with, so that when the time comes, you can also be called a 'good and faithful servant'.

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.

BEETLE DRIVE JOY! Thank you to all who supported the recent Beetle Drive. It was a boisterously fun evening! The event raised a very impressive £917.50 towards our Church Roof Fund. Thank you to our Social Group members who organised the event. Thanks also to those who made donations of various kinds, and to all who bought tickets.

NEXT WEEKEND the Church worldwide celebrates OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. It's usual Sunday Mass times, but if you are out and about next Sunday, you can still keep your Sunday obligation by joining us for the Vigil Mass (which anticipates Sunday) on Saturday evening at 5.00pm, it will be great to have you with us.

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

MANY THANKS to all who responded to the call for volunteers to help run the Warm Hub in our church hall during January and February. The response has been excellent and we are now well prepared.

SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES are still available to order from the repository shop, whilst we have the stock. These candles 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.

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.

REG MAY RIP Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Reg May, whose Funeral Mass will take place at SJF this coming Thursday at 11.30am. Reg lived on Hermitage Close with Dorothy his wife and attended the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please keep his wife and family in your prayers at this time.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND Today's retiring collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. You can use the envelopes provided or place loose cash directly into the grey bucket by the door. You can make a one-off donation or 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** – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Whatever way you give - thank you!

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.)

SO THAT YOU KNOW… there will be no Mass at St John Fisher this coming Tuesday morning.

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.

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament beginning the great adventure of faith for our youngsters. We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information including the requirements for Catholic godparents, are available from the church porch table.

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

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.

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

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 £341.65 The previous weekend was £336.62 (excluding online/card donations) Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online for the month of October averaged £1,064.46 Thank you! As always, you are brilliant!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the souls of
Reg and Rita Day

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Claudia Balestrieri, Reg May, John Miller
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