THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 23 Nov	Feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tue 24 Nov	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, &Companions, Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - Hall 1 -3**	For the repose of the Holy Souls
Wed 25 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Reg & Rita Day RIP
Thurs 26 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Coffee Connections in the hall 10.00 - 12.00 noon**	For Denis Miranda RIP
Fri 27 Nov	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For David Andrews RIP
Sat 28 Nov	The Blessed Virgin Mary On Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism - 12.00 noon**	For Evelyn Johnston RIP - Anniversary
Sun ✠ 29 Nov	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil Mass** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Winston Lennox Quashie RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Mandy Mollentze RIP 2nd 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 22nd November 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Weekly Newsletter



CHRIST THE KING , A KINGDOM OF LOVE, JUSTICE AND MERCY

As we come to the final Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This feast reminds us that Christ reigns over all creation, not through earthly power or domination, but through self-giving love, truth, justice and mercy.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents himself as the King who will come in glory and gather all nations before him. Yet the measure of belonging to his Kingdom is surprisingly simple: how we have loved and cared for others. Christ tells us: *"Truly I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it for me"*

As we prepare to begin a new Church year with the Season of Advent, this feast invites us to reflect on our own lives. Do we recognise Christ in those around us? Do our actions reflect the values of his Kingdom? Are we building a world marked by love, justice, forgiveness and peace?

May Christ the King reign in our hearts, our homes and our parish community, helping us to serve him faithfully in our brothers and sisters and preparing us for the day when we shall share fully in his Kingdom.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, reign in our hearts and guide our lives. Open our eyes to see you in those who are in need, and give us generous hearts to serve you with love and compassion. May your Kingdom of truth, justice, love and peace flourish among us now and forever. Amen.

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.

THANK YOU for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend We raised £566.92. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, you can make a gift online at **rcdow.org.uk/SRP** Thank you for your support!

WORLD YOUTH DAY: The Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 22 Nov 2026 also marks the 41st World Youth Sunday, celebrating young people in the Church and St Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. Please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/ for a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth.

MANY THANKS to Tom, who after many years is retiring from his role as volunteer gardener, maintaining most especially, the gated garden in front of the house and the garden to the rear. Tom planted the handsome olive tree, when it was little more than a sapling and the other trees as well. However, Tom will continue to be a regular at Mass alongside his wife Sonia. His support of our parish is much appreciated.

OF YOUR CHARITY please pray for the repose of the soul of Claudia Balestrieri. Claudia determinedly attended the 10.30am Mass on Sundays on her two walking sticks each week. Claudia died at the age of 91 years. We will celebrate her Funeral Mass here on Tuesday 1st December at 11.30am. It would be lovely to fill the church to pray for her faithful soul. Could you come?

"Go forth Christian soul inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world". (Prayer from the Commemoration of the dying)

ADVENT: A JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

Advent is a beautiful season of waiting, preparation and hope, as we journey towards Christmas. Beginning next Sunday, we enter the season of Advent, preparing our hearts to welcome Christ anew. Advent has a twofold focus. First, it invites us to remember and celebrate the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation: the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. In the Christ Child, God entered our world, bringing hope, peace and salvation to all people. Secondly, Advent directs our gaze towards the future. It calls us to remain watchful and ready for the Second Coming of Jesus, reminding us that we live our faith in hopeful expectation. Through prayer, repentance, acts of charity and renewed trust in God, we prepare not only to celebrate Christ's First Coming, but also to welcome him whenever he comes to us. As we journey towards the Christmas crib, may this Advent be a time of spiritual renewal, joyful expectation and a growing awareness of God's presence in our lives. Let's make room in our hearts for the Lord, so that the wonder of Christmas may truly transform us and those around us.

YOUNG ADULTS ADVENT RETREAT DAY: with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th December 2026, 10.00am – 6.00pm in London. For details please see the poster displayed in the porch area.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 29th Nov: - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tuesday 8th Dec: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 24th Dec - CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Vigil Mass of Christmas 5.00pm

Christmas Mass of the Night 9.00pm

Friday 25th Dec - CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses of the Nativity at 8.30am & 10.00am

(Note time changes for Christmas)

ERNIE GRANGE RIP: Gina Grange, would like to notify anyone who remembers her husband Ernie of his death recently on 10th November. They both lived in the parish and worked for Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors as well as being married in St John Fisher in 1996. Your prayers for his soul are humbly requested.

LAST OPPORTUNITY — SEVEN DAY MEMORIAL 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 (you can also make your payment via the card machine). Space permitting, we can give you your candle to light yourself.

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**.**

CAR PARK GARAGE: If you use the church car park, you might have spotted the whole new frontage to the garage. The cost, would you believe it, was a staggering £2,568. This was the most competitive quotation we could find, but at least the doors are steel. The garage is used for storage and has been in a poor state of repair for some years. An access door at the rear still needs attention, but we are making progress. Separately, thank you to those who have mentioned the faulty flood light in the car park. It's a sealed unit so the whole thing has to be replaced by an electrician, rather than simply changing a light bulb. It's on the to do list!

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

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 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.

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.

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 £299.78 The previous weekend was £341.65 (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!

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass: in the church Hall. Thank you to all who are on our refreshments rota, you make a big difference to the hospitality we offer.

COFFEE CONNECTIONS is this coming Thurs 26th Nov. 10 -12 in the Hall. If you like freshly brewed coffee (or tea) and a chat you are very welcome and it's absolutely free to enjoy. See you there!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the souls of
Daisy & Alan Gill

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Brendan Smyth, John Miller, Claudia Balestrieri,

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