



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**



Sun ✕ 09 Aug	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 10 Aug	St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr	No Mass today	
Tue 11 Aug	St Clare Virgin	No Mass today	
Wed 12 Aug	Feria	Holy Rosary at 9.30am	
Thur 13 Aug	Feria	No Mass today	
Fri 14 Aug	St Maximillian Kolby Priest & Martyr	Exposition at 9.30am	
Sat 15 Aug	Feria	No Mass this morning	
Sun ✕ 16 Aug	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Etienne Verniquet RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun, for practical reasons, confessions cannot be heard before Mass at this time.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for August: The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families. Amen.

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**Sunday 9th August 2020
19th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings
Week 18 -YR 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 3



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**

Tell me to come
to you across
the water

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze.

Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**Thank you for wearing your
face covering in church**



WELCOME to the Holy Mass today. It has been very encouraging over the past week to see an increase in people attending Mass, both familiar faces and new, following the lockdown. This news sheet gives you some information for the week ahead. Please do let others know that the newsletter is produced each week and is available in church and on line. It might be just the link that some parishioners need, to help to keep them in the loop and up to date, especially if they are unable to get to Mass. Additionally, if you think a parishioner might be feeling isolated and would value a chat over the phone (visiting is still in the main curtailed), please let me know. Your assistance will be really helpful. Thank you.
Fr Shaun

MASSES THIS COMING WEEK: Monday through to Friday there will be no daily Mass. The Holy Rosary will be prayed publically on Wednesday at 9.30am and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (but without Benediction) will be on Friday at 9.30am until 10.00am. The Saturday evening Vigil at 6.00pm will continue as normal. The Masses on Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am will also be as normal. Please do let other parishioners know if you think this may affect them. Many thanks

GETTING A SEAT: First of all, please do try to arrive in good time because it is now more difficult to find a seat with the current restrictions. It is really important that you only sit in the spaces indicated with a tick ✓ If seats are available in the middle of the bench, please use these first, this avoids blocking a row. Families who live together can sit on any unoccupied bench together, anywhere in the church. Stepping over parishioners or asking them to 'move up' is contrary to the guidance given for your safety.

Seating is provided on a first come, first served basis. **Face coverings are now compulsory in church**, exemptions apply for children under 11 years and those with a medical or disability need. Please put your face covering on before you enter the building, this for the protection of others as well as yourselves.

The obligation to attend the Holy Mass on a Sunday is still suspended. All Masses attended in person have equal value, so come when you feel able - we will be glad to see you again.

CONFESSION? For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun.

READERS IN CHURCH: Please use the hand sanitiser before and after reading. Thank you.

THE CHURCH IS CLEAN!

If you would like to help to keep it this way over the coming year please sign up to add your name to the wonderful group of men and women who volunteer an hour or so 4 times a year to sweep, dust, polish and Hoover this lovely space. Please let Fr Shaun know if you would like to help. You will be made very welcome. Thank you to those who have offered to help so far. Many hands really do make light work.

SETTING THE TREND: We are one of just twenty parishes currently taking part in a diocesan trial, introducing card readers. During the pandemic our shops have discouraged and continue to discourage the use of cash and ask us to use our debit cards instead. Now at SJF you can make your weekly offering at Mass in this same way. The card reader (*Collectin*) is currently sited next to the green offertory/collection bucket in church. You simply decide on your donation by touching the screen and then touch your card on the card reader, just as in a shop. Eventually we will also be able to use this method for sales in the Repository, for paying church wedding fees and for other fundraising activities and ticketed events. All the other regular ways of offering a gift to your church will continue as before. A fortnight ago we introduced the *Virgin Money Giving* page on our web and micro site pages. This will help those who are continuing to stay at home and who worship on-line to continue to support their church. Just look out for the red button on the donate page:

 <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Shepperton/donate>

Whatever way you make an offering to the Church, it all counts and is enormously helpful in this fallow time, thank you. We do recognise that this is also a very challenging period for many and church contributions might be difficult at this time. We ask then that you simply keep the Church and our parish in your prayers - that would be a wonderful contribution to make.

UPDATE ON HALL BOOKINGS: Sorry, we still have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups. This includes continuation of catechetical programmes for First Holy Communion and for Holy Confirmation. The Covid Secure requirements for halls have been published but they are complex. Some of the activities of our hall users involve physical exercise, so this is an additional complication. Like other churches the loss of revenue from hall rents and hire is having an impact on our parish income but we can only open when it is safe to do so for all. Please bear with us.

NEW MASS INTENTIONS: We can still arrange Mass intentions and have space available. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died please speak to Fr Shaun— it's particularly helpful if you can write the details out in advance, ready to hand over.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK is both Catholic and Pro Life and offers women support during an unplanned and/or crisis pregnancy, regardless of beliefs, nationality or legal status. During the pandemic the number of abortions in the UK has increased dramatically. Help and support is available at: www.goodcounselnetwork.com or on 020 7723 1740 A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE is on Friday 14th August. Catholics believe that every life matters - and not least the baby in the womb, so please pray on the 14th for an end to abortion and for the lives and souls of all affected.

MANNA FOOD BANK would be very happy to receive any (in date) tinned, long-life products and toiletries (currently they have very good stocks of

cereal, tuna, spam & baked beans). If you think your donation of food/toiletries is too large to drop at one of the donation points please contact: - info@mannafoodbank.org.uk For up to date information regarding the location of donation points check out: www.mannafoodbank.co.uk Thank you.

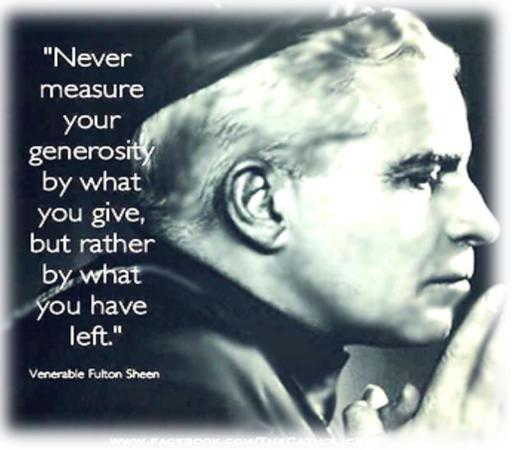
PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Anne D'ath, Fr Freddie Jackson

ANNIVERSARIES THIS AUGUST

Max Maksymiuw, Annie Reilly, Patricia Collins, James Patrick Dyer, Joan Delahunty, Alf Pitfield, James Sangster, Betty Mitchell, John Pegley, Michael Hayes, Fedor Jan Putter, Florence Kershaw, Liokadia Hughes, Frances Rosa Grant, Patricia Leale, Lt Col Kevin Ryan MBE William Roberts, Audrey Willson, Joan Heffernan, Anne Harris, Jake Harvey Latter, Fr Tom Quinn.

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