



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



All Masses are public and are also streamed online via [YouTube: St John Fisher Shepperton](#)

Sun ☒ 18 July	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil Mass) 8.30am 10.30am 12.00noon (for FHC families by invitation)	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Joao Rodrigues Teixeira RIP For Matilda's family - in thanksgiving For our First Holy Communion children
Mon 19 July	feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 20 July	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Nechama Argent RIP
Wed 21 July	feria	Mass 9.30am	For Peter Rowntree RIP
Thur 22 July	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Mass 9.30am Funeral Service 11.30am	For Lorna and Bernard For Louis James Rogers RIP
Fri 23 July	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe	Mass 9.30am	For O'Malley Family members RIP
Sat 24 July	BVM on Saturday	Mass 10.00am	For all who are sick with Covid - in our hospitals and those at home
Sun ☒ 25 July	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm (Sat Vigil Mass) 8.30am 10.30am	For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For the People of the Parish - Pro Populo For Anthony Berzolla RIP

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of July: Social Friendship: We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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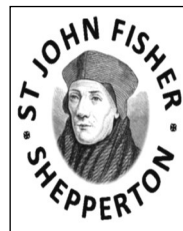
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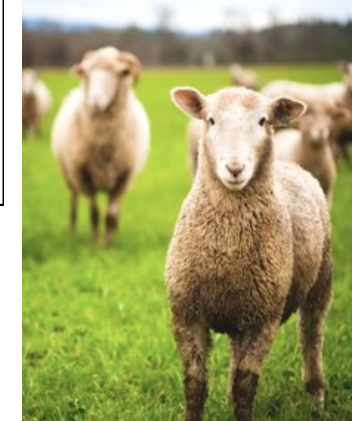
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**Sunday 18th July 2021
16TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 16
Divine Office
Psalter Week 4



**"They were like sheep
without a shepherd."**

You will likely have heard the saying: "There's no rest for the wicked." Actually that is so untrue: the wicked are very good at making sure they have plenty of rest for themselves! Normally it is the good, the kind, the selfless and the generous who have no time to rest, because there is always some other kind thing to do, always someone else to help. This is exactly what we see in the Gospel: Jesus cannot rest while there are lost sheep wandering around! He recognises that they are missing something in life, something that only He can give, and so he sets himself to "revive their drooping spirits" by his generous teaching. This says three things to us: first, and most important, that Jesus will always watch out for us, and will always offer us himself if we are "lost". Secondly, we should try to be as generous as him: when we see people who are lost, or afraid, or hurting, it is our job (as His disciples) to do what we can – even if that means setting ourselves to work at some length! And thirdly, we should also find and create moments of rest for ourselves and each other, so that we can enjoy the "restful waters" our Good Shepherd leads us to.

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:

Staying in bed all day, every day, is not good for us! But working hard every hour of every day is not good either! We need balance – work AND play, effort AND rest. Jesus gives his friends a bit of rest today, after they have been working so hard! Ask Jesus to help you work AND to help you rest (and make sure you do your bit to help others - especially mums and dads – rest a little bit too!) And enjoy your school holidays when they finally start .

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead, with a special section on the front page, especially for Little Church. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. If you are at home, you can pray the Mass with us on-line, just go to **You Tube** and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMCIHQOMdxN91BhA>

CONGRATULATIONS: to our First Holy Communion Class of 2021, receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion this weekend. They have worked hard over the last months, preparing for their second initiation Sacrament. Well done to Chloe, Erin, James, Marylyn, Megan, Nathaniel, Robert, Sean, Sophie and Thomas. Thank you to Jean and Pir, our FHC catechists, who over many hours of teaching, have brought our children to this special time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BABY NELLIE MAE who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for Nellie Mae and for her parents, Leah and Paul, in celebration at this time.

ALL CHANGE FROM MONDAY? The Bishops Conference of England and Wales has given us new guidelines which err on the side of caution. Parishioner details for Track and Trace will still be required. Please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and do continue to wear your face covering in church. One significant change from Monday, is the opening of all benches/pews for your use; but kindly keep some space between you and other parishioners. We'll announce other changes as they are gradually introduced.

It will take a few months for the Mass and our social activities to return to normal, especially as we are moving into the holiday season. We will be guided by our Bishops, so watch this space for any weekly updates and changes.

And a note regarding our brilliant door stewards: we are indebted to them. They have voluntarily stepped up to assist us in providing a Covid Secure place of worship. Simply put, without their assistance, at every Mass, Baptism, Wedding and Funeral, we would not have been permitted to open. They have now been stewarding, on a daily rota, for 15 months. As restrictions relax, we will

be gradually moving from a ministry of stewarding, to a ministry of welcoming. Some of our current stewards, understandably, are ready to step down from this role. So now is the time for others to step up. We will need people of all ages, to join the Welcoming Team. Just two people, for each weekend Mass, can make a real difference to the welcome we offer, especially to those who are new to SJF. Can you join a once a month rota for the Mass you usually attend? Please contact Nathalie in the office or chat to Bernard Lavery, if you can help. Thank you again to all our stewards - you have enabled us, following the first lockdown, to open our doors from the earliest time possible, and have made all the difference. Fr Shaun.

GOOD NEWS - NEW LOOK. We now have a new look to our website, with easier access. Over time, we'll be adding more features and information, to keep you fully up to date with what's happening at SJF Church. You can see the new look by clicking here: [Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton - Church of St John Fisher \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton) (if you are reading this on your phone, PC or tablet) or by typing this address into your favourite search engine: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

CATHEDRAL LOURDES MASS: As you may be aware, the Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage will not be taking place this year. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will however, be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday 28th July at 2.00pm. This Mass will give those, who otherwise would have travelled with the pilgrimage the opportunity to come together in prayer. All are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HOME: We are looking for volunteers to assist in taking Holy Communion to those who are housebound. If you have been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass and are interested in helping in this ministry, which helps to keep our frail parishioners connected to the Church, please contact Nathalie in the office.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS: **ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY** has scheduled its Open evening for Year 7, 2022 for Thursday 23rd September. Interested parishioners are required to read the Admissions Policy <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/admissions> and

to contact Lisa Newton, Admissions Officer on 01932 754 213, with any additional queries.

SALESIANS: A date has yet to be scheduled for an Open Day for Year 7, 2022. Further information will be given in early September. Please see Admissions Policy for latest information. <http://salesian.surrey.sch.uk/admissions/admission-policies/> Deadline for applications for both schools are preferred by Fri, 22nd Oct 21 although will be accepted up to Sun, 31st Oct 21.

ST GEORGE'S INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WEYBRIDGE: St George's will be conducting tours for prospective families for First Year 2022 (Year 7) entry during selected dates in July and August. Parishioners can complete an enquiry form to be included on their invitation list: <https://stgeorgesweybridge.com/contact-us#enquiry-form>. The 11+ Entrance Examination is on Wednesday, 5th January 2022 with the deadline to register Monday, 1st November 2021. Any enquiries to Mrs Donna Palmer-Smith, Admissions Manager on 01932 839 437 or to Miss Sophie Mount, Admissions Officer on 01932 839 463.

CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE for school applications can be requested by Catholic families, who are regularly at Mass and whose children are Baptised. Children who are not Catholic can also apply for Catholic schools without a certificate.

HOLY BAPTISM: Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. At least one parent should be Catholic and attending Mass as a matter of course, before requesting the Sacrament. We still have a waiting list for Baptisms, which we are working through. Please be patient when making your request for this wonderful and important Sacrament.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL GIFT to request a Mass intention on a specific date for a loved one, for a birthday, a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died. Mass cards are available from the repository for all occasions. Please see Fr Shaun to request your Mass. The suggested diocesan Mass offering (stipend) is £10 or whatever you can afford. Your offering will help enormously in supporting the mission of SJF church. Thank you.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those praying with us at home and those present at Mass not receiving Holy Communion) My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR HAVE CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for us to know who you are and to help you if and when the occasion arises.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £194
Giving using offertory envelopes £144
Giving by bank s/order £645 (June weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £45
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)

Thank you to all who have topped up their donations, having returned since the lockdown. Thank you all, for supporting SJF Church.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY

Mary Ohlson, Joan Blues, Pam Hoghton,
Kitty Bale, Louise Heath (Pepper),
Dermot Rhatigan, Mary Fletcher,
Edward Fletcher, Peggy Rhatigan,
Thomas Schwartz (von Megyesi),
Joseph Reynolds, Bob Keating, Grace Ekkel

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored for this coming week by Sally Dick
For Christians throughout the world.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON

YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD

