



**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 ☒ 15 Aug	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Andrew Boyle - RIP, 30yrs Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Matilda's family - in thanksgiving
Mon 16 Aug	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 17 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr Tom Quinn RIP
Wed 18 Aug	Feria	No Mass today Rosary at 9.30am	
Thur 19 Aug	Feria	No Mass today	
Fri 20 Aug	St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Etienne Verniquet RIP
Sat 21 Aug	St Pius X - Pope	No morning Mass	
Sun ☒ 22 Aug	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Richard Matthews RIP For Mateus Gurjao RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: Wednesday at 9.30am

Exposition and Benediction (Eucharistic Adoration): currently suspended.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for August: Evangelisation — Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**Sunday 15th August 2021
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**The Almighty has done great things
for me, he has exalted the lowly
MAY OUR BLESSED MOTHER PRAY FOR US**

Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and in considering others



WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. If you are here visiting over the holidays you are very welcome.

THIS SUNDAY the Church honours Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She was assumed, or taken up bodily, into heaven at her death. Truly God has taken her into "the special place" he had prepared for her from all eternity. Her rising is a preview of our own rising, body and soul, into eternal happiness with Jesus. May Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Alice Sophia who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We pray also for her parents, Jacqueline and Philip, in celebration at this time.

THE TIMETABLE FOR MASSES (back page) has temporarily changed whilst Fr Shaun takes some annual leave. Please note that during the weekdays, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Tuesdays and Fridays at the usual time of 9.30am. The Holy Rosary will be prayed on Wednesdays at 9.30am. The Sunday Masses are as usual: Sat Vigil at 6.00pm and Sunday at 8.30am and 10.30am. Please do support our Masses if you can. Priest supply cover for all churches is increasingly difficult and costly. It's lovely therefore, when a visiting priest is made welcome with a busy church. This coming week, we will welcome, Fr Richard Filima and Fr Robert Hamilton to celebrate the Holy Mass for us.

FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER: Gift Aid and Planned Giving statements have gone out to the named Gift Aider or envelope/standing order

holders. We would like to extend our thanks to their families as well and to all of those who give by other means. We couldn't do our work without your support. Some of the letters were able to go out via email, and we thank those who have registered for our new database. It saves us considerable time and postage if we have all of your details up to date. Our main gift aid claim for this year will amount to nearly £8,500. If you have any questions, please drop a line to sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk

WELCOMING ALL: Over the period of the pandemic, the Lord has brought many challenges but also many blessings to our church, and not least, an increase in attendance at Mass. People are gradually returning and we are very pleased to see you. A good number of new people have been attending Mass, having moved into the area. It is a difficult thing to cross over the threshold of a new church, especially if you are a young mum or dad or a single person. If you happen to spot a new face, or someone you haven't seen for a while, do please say "hello". Maybe offer them a Mass sheet or Newsletter if they don't have one? What is often very familiar to us, can be disorientating to those who may be new, or returning again, to our church. Thank you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! If you are about to go away on holiday, have a safe journey, God speed and come back refreshed. If you want to keep up to date with St John Fisher news whilst away, you can read the Newsletter online at this address: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

You can also 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 here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/C3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings for your calls, and for the booking of Mass Intentions. Please be patient if you are awaiting a response regarding an email

COMING TO ST JOHN FISHER. Parishioner details for Track and Trace are still required. Please continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and please do continue to wear your face covering in church. All the benches/pews are fully open for

your use; but kindly keep some space between you and other parishioners. Holy Communion is distributed at the end of the Mass on weekends, following the Post Communion Prayer and final Blessing. Parishioners then leave via the Car Park Exit.

READINGS AT THE HOLY MASS TODAY:

First Reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

In this vision from the Book of Revelation, we are presented with a woman dressed like a queen with a crown of twelve stars. The stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel, the nation that gave birth to the Messiah. A wild red dragon (evil) tries to destroy the woman's newborn son (the Messiah). But God dramatically saves the child by "snatching him up" to heaven.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ is risen! He was the first to experience the joy of resurrection. But he is not the last. All of us will also rise from the dead. At the second coming, Jesus will "hand over the kingdom to God" and we will share in his final victory. Mary did not have to wait for the end of time to rise from the dead. Now she waits, to welcome each of us to our eternal home.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

St Luke tells us the beautiful story of Mary sharing with Elizabeth the news of her pregnancy. Elizabeth immediately recognizes that Mary is "the mother of my Lord" and she praises Mary's complete faith in God's word. Bursting with joy, Mary sings her victory song, the Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

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WASN'T IT RED? If you have good eyesight, you will have noticed that the Red Blessed Sacrament Lamp is now clear/white. This is simply so that it may be seen more clearly and the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, be more evident. The liturgical norms suggest either a white or red lamp may be used.

PARISH WEB SITE: We have for many years had two web sites running simultaneously. In September the SJF site will close and all web information will continue via the newly updated parish diocesan site. You can see the site (if you are reading this on your phone, PC or tablet) by

clicking here: [Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton) or by typing this address into your favourite search engine: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>
We are indebted to Cres Fernandes, who has managed the SJF web site for more than ten years, spending considerable time to keep us up to date. Thank you Cres.

DIARY DATE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Training and commissioning of existing ministers and those who are interested in becoming extraordinary ministers - assisting Fr Shaun at Mass in the distribution of Holy Communion and/or taking Holy Communion to the housebound and in care homes. **Saturday 18th Sept at 12.00noon**

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £124
Giving using offertory envelopes £167
Giving by bank s/order £645 (weekly average)
Card machine - contactless giving £40
(The card reader is now sited by the church entrance)
Thank you all, for supporting SJF Church.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Anne Brannigan RIP, Fr Adrian Cadwallader

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.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored anonymously this week.
For the many graces and blessings received.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON

YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD