



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

<b>Sun</b> 26 June ✘	<b>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Ainsley Godfrey RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Louis Pepper on his 30th Birthday
Mon 27 June	St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 28 June	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis Paul on his 5th Birthday, in thanksgiving
<b>Wed</b> 29 June ✘	<b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL Apostles</b>	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b> <b>Mass at 7.00pm</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For newly ordained Priests of the Diocese
Thur 30 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Sheila Corchran
Fri 01 July	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	Mass at 9.30am	For the mission of Christ in our Diocese
Sat 02 July	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For lapsed Catholics in our parish
<b>Sun</b> 03 July ✘	<b>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Patricia McGill RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Michael O'Reilly RIP

✘ = Holy Day of Obligation

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

**Exposition and Benediction:** on Fridays 10.00am –10.30am (Eucharistic Adoration)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

**Prayer Request Box:** situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

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Ordinary Time  
Week 13

## ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 26th June 2022  
13th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



The reading for this Sunday in Ordinary Time, are anything but ordinary. They encourage us to be committed disciples. In the first reading, Elisha decides to follow Elijah. In the second, reading Paul tells us we must stand firm. In the Gospel, we learn that discipleship will bring many hardships. Daring to be a disciple, is not only life changing, but life enhancing. Can you fully commit? Are you up to the challenge?

The following **Litany of the Call to Discipleship**, asks our Lord to give us the grace to be his disciples. It focuses on various people in the gospels and asks for the grace to answer his call as they did. Dare you give it a try?

1. Lord have mercy <i>Christ have mercy</i> <i>Hear my prayer</i>	You called the outcast and forgotten ... Heal me Lord.
2. You called your mother Mary ... Teach me to say yes. You sent the angel Gabriel ... Teach me to say yes. You came into our world ... Teach me to say yes.	6. You called Peter on the water ... Help me trust in you. You walked with him on the sea ... Help me trust in you. You saved him when he faltered ... Help me trust in you.
3. You called to your apostles ... Make me a fisher of people. They left their nets and boats ... Make me a fisher of people. They spread your gospel everywhere ... Make me a fisher of people.	7. You called the little girl who was asleep unto death ... Bring me back to life. You called Lazarus from the tomb ... Bring me back to life. You are the Resurrection and the Life ... Bring me back to life.
4. You called the woman at the well ... Let me thirst for you. You knew all of her weaknesses ... Let me thirst for you. You call sinners back to you ... Let me thirst for you.	8. Call to me Lord Jesus Christ ... Grant me strength to answer. Send me to your people ... Grant me strength to answer. Let me call them to you. ... Grant me strength to answer.
5. You called the crippled and the lame ... Heal me Lord. You called the blind and the lepers ... Heal me Lord.	9. Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Hear my prayer Amen.

**WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton.** This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun. All Masses at SJF are live streamed via YouTube: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through ill health.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS...**

to our young people who received the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation, last Thursday. You are now fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Be proud to be a Catholic, live by the Spirit and put your trust in Jesus. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the evening such a joyous occasion. Special thanks to Kim and Diane, our Confirmation Catechists, who have guided our Confirmandi through this stage in their journey of faith. Confirmation certificates will be given out next weekend.

It is good news that we are back on track with our Sacramental Programmes. We are a very small parish within the Diocese, but we give thanks this year for the 10 children who received their First Holy Communion, 11 young people who have been Confirmed in the faith and 5 adults who were received into the Church this Easter. There have been 6 Baptisms so far this year, which is a little down on last year. Additionally, a very good number of new families have joined our church community. We welcome them all. We have much to be thankful for, but as always, there is very much more to do together, to rebuild our church congregation following the Pandemic.

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO** to the four men who were ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday in our Cathedral. They will serve in the parishes of our Diocese of Westminster. Deo Gratias — thanks be to God. Please pray for more vocations to the Priesthood.

**DAZZLED BY THE LIGHT?** The windows throughout the church, hall and house have been cleaned inside and out. Had you noticed?

**THE GREAT SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES** is next Wednesday 29th June. Mass will be celebrated here at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Please try your very best to be at Mass (wherever you can) on this Holy Day.

**DAVID BOYCE RIP:** The Funeral Mass for David has now been set for Thursday 14th July at 11.30am in church. Please continue to keep David and his family in your prayers at this time, especially Elaine, David's wife and Charlie their son. Eternal rest grant to David O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

#### **HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT**

We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend SJF regularly and have made their spiritual home here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

**THE LOURDES PRAYER BOX** is out, at the back of the church, to receive your prayer requests. These intentions will then be taken to Lourdes during the Westminster Pilgrimage and placed by the grotto of Our Lady.

**HOLY DUSTERS UPDATE:** Our volunteer helpers who sweep and polish and clean our church do a brilliant job, ensuring that SJF is clean and welcoming. We are however in great need of additional volunteers to join us. We try to pair people up so that you are not alone. A correction to the notice from last week... can you help just four times a year? Please let Fr Shaun know if you might be interested or want to know more. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** at the beginning of the Pandemic we stopped the Offertory Collection, and used the green buckets instead. From this weekend the Offertory Collection will be gradually reintroduced across the weekend Masses for loose collections. The green buckets will remain in place until we are fully up to speed. Thank you, if you already make your donation via the bank or the card machine. Thank you to all who support St John Fisher with your generosity.

**A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS:** We have dates available. To request an intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

**LITTLE CHURCH** at the 10.30am Sunday Mass continues. Children's weekly Mass sheets and Mass cards are also available at the back of the church. Parents are welcome to join their child in Little Church, until they are confident to attend by themselves.

**FOOD BANK BOX:** Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support.

**TOILETS** are available in the church hall. Please access them via the outside route, using the hall front door. Thank you

**SAVE THE DATE** 16-17<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Marriage Encounter are hosting a non-residential marriage enrichment weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to spend time reflecting on, refreshing and rejoicing in their wonderful vocation. <https://wwme.org.uk/weekend/me-weekendhendons-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS:** The University Chaplaincy is appealing to all parishes to point any parishioners their way, who will be students at any of the London universities and colleges, or University of Hertfordshire, this coming year. Based at Newman House, Gower Street, they also have campus-based chaplains at many of the universities and colleges. For any students other than freshers, there is also an opportunity to live in at Newman House, a catered lodging with attractive rates and its own chapel. The application form is available on the website [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net)

**THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON!** We are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour, on Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th September. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The web site for the Tour is now live. See it here: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

#### **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

is sponsored this week for those who are sick at home and for those receiving ongoing medical treatment.

#### **PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

David Boyce RIP

#### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUNE**

William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson, Neville Grose, John Butterworth, Ann Llewellyn, Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien, Albert Sawyer, Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook, Eileen Kelly, Reginald Snell, Bernadette Pepper, Tom Birmingham, Louis James Rogers (toddler).

#### **ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**

**ENORMOUS THANKS** for all who have signed up so far, to assist the Bernadette Task Group. Your kind responses have been brilliant, with over 40 people offering support. We are now in the process of contacting you and working on how best to utilise your time and talents.

#### **TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £116  
Giving using offertory envelopes: £10  
Giving via the bank: £702 (weekly average for May)

#### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

(For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home)  
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.

**OUR ALTAR SERVERS ARE IN NEED:** we have just two kneelers in the Sanctuary for our servers. This means that other servers at Mass, have to steady themselves, without support, whilst kneeling on just a floor cushion. This is not ideal. However, the most economic quotation we have received is for £1,400. This is for two double kneelers, with an additional cost of £65 for delivery. Church furniture is always very expensive, but it would be good to support our servers if we possibly can. Might you be able to help with some of the cost? Many thanks. Fr Shaun.