



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

<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
Mon 04 July	Feria	No Mass at SJF (Fr Shaun's Rest Day)	
Tue 05 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Margarita Day RIP – anniversary
Wed 06 July	St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Tes & Paul - marriage thanksgiving
Thur 07 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Matthew Rowntree RIP
Fri 08 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sat 09 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Eileen Rowntree RIP
<b>Sun</b> 10 July ✘	<b>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish In thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

✘ = 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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## Sunday 3rd July 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 2  
Ordinary Time  
Week 14



# ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

### First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Have you ever watched a small baby with its mother? If the baby is nursing or just snuggling, it is completely happy in its mother's arms. That is the image used in today's reading to tell the Israelites how happy they will be when Jerusalem is restored. The holy city is like their mother. She knows how much they have suffered in exile. Now she will comfort and nourish them. And God will comfort them too, and once again shower them with good gifts.

### Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18

Some of the Christians of Galatia thought that they should follow all the regulations of the Old Testament. Paul tells them that they do not have to follow ritual laws like circumcision. They have been "created anew" in Jesus Christ. Like Paul, they should trust in the cross of Jesus and boast of nothing but their faithfulness to the Lord.

### Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

If Jesus sounds like he means business in this reading, he does! What matters most to him in the whole world is to make people understand that the reign of God is at hand. This is why he sends his disciples out in every direction. The harvest (people who have not heard the Good News of the Gospel) is ready right now. Jesus instructs the disciples to go quickly and travel light. They are to spread his peace, cure the sick, and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

**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.

#### **ADMINISTRATION & THE PARISH OFFICE:**

Our Parish Administrator, Nathalie, has decided to step down from her post. Nathalie has brought flair and creativity to her role and we will miss her joy and laughter in the Parish Office. We wish Nathalie a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her at Mass when she is able. We assure her of our continued prayers at this time.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Matilda Ellen McMiken who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this Saturday. We pray for Matilda and for her parents in celebration.

**HOLY DAY: ST PETER & ST PAUL:** Thank you to all who made the extra effort to attend the Holy Mass, here last Wednesday, for the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul.

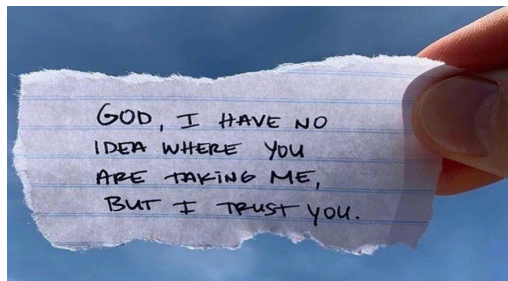
**ROE V WADE DECISION:** As you have probably seen in the media, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states. There has been much misinformation spread online about the implications of this decision. The life long Catholic, Lord Alton has published an excellent piece that sets out the key facts on the decision:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

If you do not have access to the internet, Fr Shaun can let you have a copy of the piece by Lord Alton, just ask.

We pray for our own Government, that their ability to support pregnant women will increase and that they will anchor themselves on the desire to protect the sanctity of all human life.

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



#### **ST BERNADETTE RELICS MEETING THIS COMING WEDNESDAY IN CHURCH AT 7.30PM -**

this is for all who have signed up to assist us with the visit and for those who might be interested in helping us. We look forward to seeing you. The meeting will be for about an hour.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ALTAR SERVERS:** 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 cushion. This is not ideal. The most economic quotation we have received for two new double kneelers is £1,400 with an additional cost of £65 for delivery. Church furniture is very expensive, but lets support our servers if we possibly can. Might you be able to help? Donations made during this past week, have totalled £185 Thank you, you are wonderful.

**AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE HOLIDAY SEASON:** If you are a Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Counter, Musician, Cleaner or help out in any way and are going away, please arrange cover for your duties. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance.

**JOB VACANCIES** at St Richard Reynolds College: two support vacancies for a September start:  
- Learning Support Assistant  
- Careers Coordinator

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

**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.

**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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** at the beginning of the Pandemic we stopped the Offertory Collection, and used the green buckets instead. The Offertory Collection is now being reintroduced across the weekend Masses for loose collections. If you would like to help us with this, please speak with Daphne. Thank you, if you already make your donation via the bank or the card machine. Whatever way you support your Parish Church. Thank you.

#### **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.

**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. 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.

**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.

**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 here: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

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

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

Loose giving in the plate: £215  
Giving using offertory envelopes: £10  
Loose giving – Confirmation Mass only: £272  
Giving via the bank: £702 (weekly average for May)

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

(For those 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.

**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.

**THE HOLY ROSARY GROUP** meets every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

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

has been sponsored this week by Marian for her intentions and for the intentions of the Miranda family

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

David Boyce RIP

#### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY**

Steve Lonie, 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**