



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

Sun 10 July ✘	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish In thanksgiving for Holy Baptism
Mon 11 July	ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe	No Mass at SJF (Fr Shaun's Rest Day)	
Tue 12 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Rita Hill who is sick
Wed 13 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our preparations for the coming of St Bernadette's Relics to Shepperton
Thur 14 July	Feria FUNERAL MASS	Mass at 9.30am 11.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For David Boyce RIP
Fri 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Louise Heath RIP (19th Anniversary)
Sat 16 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Michael Casey RIP
Sun 17 July ✘	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Cecil Rowntree RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Marie Rushe 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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Sunday 10th July 2022 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 2
Ordinary Time
Week 15



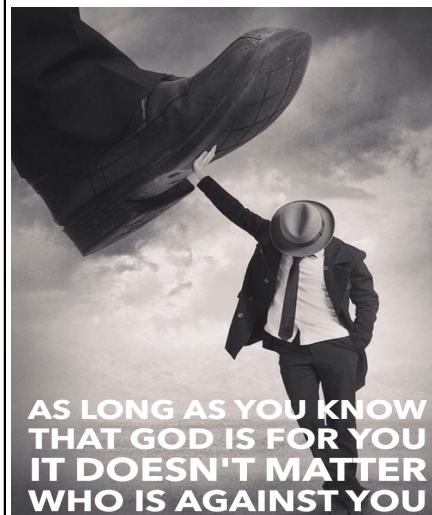
God gave Israel the Law so it could serve as an example of how to live. However as Jewish society changed from a collective of small farms to a more urban based culture, some of the laws were difficult to interpret and apply.

Many teachers and scholars placed emphasis on purity laws which did not require a farming society to carry out. But others asked what the laws really meant. So it would not be unusual for someone to question which law was the most important. And Jesus answered. Love God. Love your neighbour as yourself. But the lawyer who asks the question offers a challenge, and Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Samaritans were despised outsiders. They did not follow the law of Moses as the Jews did. Jesus turns the tables by offering one of this group as a person who is truly doing God's will. The law is meant to form us into people who truly care about each other. We can't just ignore the pain of those around us.

It is also interesting to note that the Samaritans did not always welcome Jesus either. Just one chapter earlier he was turned away by them. (Luke 9:51-56). But Jesus does not hold a grudge. He makes the Samaritan the hero of this parable anyway.

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



**AS LONG AS YOU KNOW
THAT GOD IS FOR YOU
IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHO IS AGAINST YOU**

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 Father 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.



THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON! 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

Thank you to all who came to the planning meeting last Wednesday evening. It was good to see parishioners from SJF and elsewhere attending. There is much to do and great willingness around, but worryingly, there are still many gaps on the rotas. This is concerning, as there is little time to make progress before the holidays, on all that needs to be done. We also urgently need to identify people, willing to be leaders, to oversee the welcome stewards. Fr Shaun will be required to focus on the various liturgies and to manage visiting clergy throughout the whole of the night and day. The parish priest cannot therefore, be the only 'go to' person for every question that will need an answer, or provide a solution for every eventuality which presents itself during the visitation. So we need your support now, firstly to fill the rotas— because we can't rely on just guessing who might turn up to help and we need leaders, who will simply offer support to the other volunteers and to provide continuity through the whole of the visitation. We shall need leaders for these slots: 8.00pm - 1.00am, 1.00am - 6.00am and 6.00am - 11.00am. Please step forward. Thank you.

GREAT NEWS - CHURCH ROOF: we have finally managed to get the gable end of the church roof repaired. The church hall roof damage was repaired in March. Enormous thanks to Keiron who persevered with the contractors to get the work completed. Thanks also to a parishioner who

made a donation anonymously, earlier in the year, to cover the excess charge levied by the insurance company.

THE CATHOLIC POST would like to share a free online copy with you. To view the July issue just go to this link: https://issuu.com/cathcom/docs/the_catholic_post_july_2022

GOOD NEWS ON POST MASS REFRESHMENTS: From next week we will be resuming refreshments in the church hall, after the 10.30am Mass. Thank you to all who have joined the rota to get things underway. The rota simply helps us to know who is doing what. Our volunteering across the many various areas of the church is a lovely way of giving glory to God. Thank you for signing up.

DAVID BOYCE RIP: The Funeral Mass for David has now been set for this coming Thursday 14th July at 11.30am in church. Please continue to keep David and his family in your prayers at this time. This Funeral Mass will not be live streamed. Eternal rest grant to David O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS - I am looking for anyone interested in helping out for a few hours in the Parish Office while Fr Shaun is away in August. Perhaps you have or would like to learn Microsoft Publisher skills? Or maybe you just have a few hours to lend a hand because it's the summer holidays. If you do not already volunteer at SJF, this is the perfect opportunity to dip your toes in without a longer-term commitment! Please drop me an email you are interested. Thank you! Traci. Email: sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk,

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.

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.

KNEELERS FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS UPDATE: Donations made during this past week, have brought the total raised so far to **£710** Thank you, you are wonderfully kind. As you may know, 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, thank you for your support for our servers. If you would like to help please see Fr Shaun so that we can get closer to ordering these kneelers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION The Offertory Collection has now resumed across the weekend Masses for loose collections, following suspension during the Pandemic. However, thank you, if you already make your donation via the bank or the card machine. Whatever way you support your Parish Church we appreciate your support.

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.

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: £328
Giving via the bank: £702 (weekly average for May)
Thank you for all your support for SJF Church.

THE OFFICE: Please be patient if you are awaiting a response from the office. There is currently no administration assistance.

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.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY OPEN EVENTS

Admission to Year 7 in 2023 Open Mornings:
No appointment necessary - tours approx. 1 hour
Thursday 22nd September from 8.45 - 10.15am
Thursday 29th September from 8.45 - 10.15am
Thursday 6th October from 8.45 - 10.15am
Open Evening: Thursday 22nd Sept from 5.00 - 7.30pm. Head teacher Evening Address at 5.45 and 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening Admission to Year 12 in 2023. Wednesday 28th September from 6.00 - 8.00pm Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week
By the De Cruz family, for the repose of the soul of Ellen Patterson RIP who died 2.2.22

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