

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 18 July	Feria	No Mass at SJF (Fr Shaun's Rest Day)	
Tue 19 July	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 20 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Nechama Argent RIP
Thur 21 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for an intention
Fri 22 July	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for an intention
Sat 23 July	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	Mass at 10.00am	This Mass is available for an intention
Sun 24 July ✘	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Peter Rowntree RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Paul & Tess - in thanksgiving

✘ = 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: at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

A Mass for your intentions: To request an intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, 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.

Sponsoring the Blessed Sacrament: for your intentions is just £5 for a whole week.

MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER

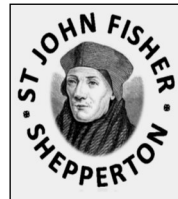
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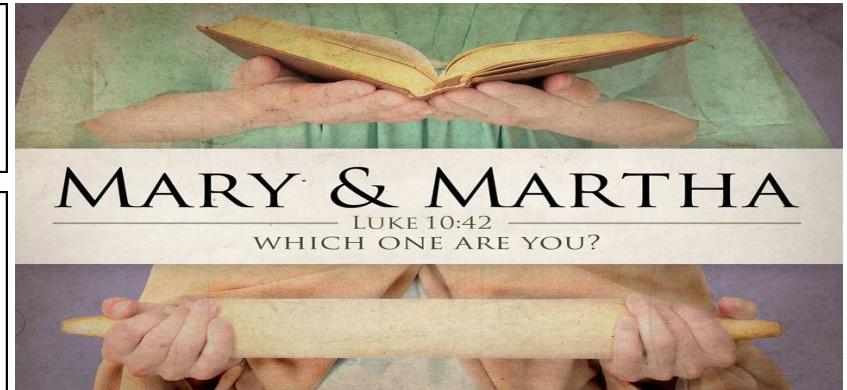


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Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 2
Ordinary Time
Week 16

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 17th July 2022

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Our reading from Genesis tells an appealing story about Abraham and Sarah. Three visitors appear unexpectedly before their tent. Abraham identifies them with the Lord. He and his wife, Sarah, rush around making preparations for a lavish meal to refresh their guests. Then their generous hospitality is even more generously rewarded. God, speaking through the guests, promises that the aged couple will have a son! For the Israelites, this story is a sign of how God's plan of salvation will be carried out through them. From the offspring of Abraham and Sarah, the Messiah will come.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Saint Paul suffered many hardships in preaching the Good News. In today's reading we learn that the suffering of all Christians, like the suffering of Christ, helps the Church to grow. As Christians grow in their understanding of "the mystery of Christ," they will become "complete."

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

A guest shows up, probably unexpectedly, and the hostess, Martha, knocks herself out trying to do everything at once. The guest, Jesus, sits down and makes himself at home. The sister of the hostess, Mary, sits with Jesus, and listens thoughtfully. When Martha complains that she is doing all the work, Jesus tells her that she has forgotten the most important thing. She has neglected to listen to Jesus, whose words are more nourishing than any meal.

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.



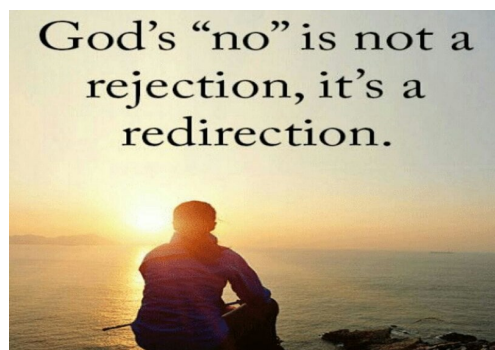
THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON! Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th September. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The web site for the Tour is here: www.stbernadette.org.uk

UPDATE: The Timetable for the Visitation of the Relics has now been finalised and is on the Bernadette notice board, at the back of the church. You will notice that the church will now close from 2am until 6am. Thank you to all who have made offers of help so far - you are terrific. If you are not able to help physically, please could I ask that you pray for the UK Tour of the Relics and in particular, for the preparations for our leg of the Tour.

Over the next few days the St Bernadette web site will open for bookings for the UK Tour, including Shepperton. If you are hoping to see the Relics here at SJF and especially if you hope to attend either of the Masses - please book your slot. This will help us to plan and help you to get a seat in the church. If you do not have access to the internet, you might ask a relative or friend to book for you. Booking is entirely free. If all else fails, let us know in the office and we will book your place for you. www.stbernadette.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. This is your last weekend to add your prayer intentions. May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

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



DO YOU DO YouTube? In August, whilst Fr Shaun is on leave, we shall need a parishioner volunteer to monitor our Mass Live Streaming set up. If you have your own YouTube page or enjoy technology and I.T. and can assist our church with this, please speak with Fr Shaun. We can organise remote access, so that the system can be monitored from your own PC, at a time convenient to you.

REFRESHMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS: Thank you to all who have joined the rota to get things under way. Please use the outside church hall entrance rather than short cutting via the Sacristy, which would hinder our clearing away after Mass.

THANK YOU: The Funeral Mass for David Boyce took place last Thursday. We seat approximately 250 and we estimated with standing room only, around 280 people were in attendance. This was a wonderful tribute to David. There was a momentary power cut just at we were about to begin but we were able to start swiftly shortly after. Thank you to all who came to pray for David and for his family and special thanks to those who prepared for the Mass, helped in any way and cleared up afterwards.

LITTLETON: St Mary Magdalene Church, was built originally, for Catholic worship. Since the Reformation the church has been the home for Church of England parishioners. To mark their Patronal Festival - the church and churchyard will be open on Saturday 23rd July from 12noon until 3.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore over 800 years of history, the beautiful building and an opportunity to also find out more about the things they do. Tea and cakes will be served. A warm welcome awaits 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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE: We hope to get recruitment underway, with Diocesan HR, in the early part of September. Please be patient if you are currently awaiting a response from the office.

TRACI WRITES: 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 if you are interested. Thank you! Traci.

Email: sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk,

KNEELERS FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS UPDATE: Donations made during this past week, have brought the total raised so far to **£1060**. 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.

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: £285

Giving via the bank: £673 (weekly average for June)

Thank you for all your support for SJF Church.

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.

APOLOGIES: there will be no Mass at SJF this coming Tuesday. Fr Shaun has an appointment in London and will not be back in time.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, OPEN EVENTS

Admission to Year 7 in 2023 Open Mornings:

No appointment necessary - tours approx. 1 hour

Thursday 22nd & 29TH Sept from 8.45 - 10.15am

Thursday 6th Oct 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 Sept 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 Marian, 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