

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 25 July	ST JAMES, Apostle	No Mass at SJF (Fr Shaun's Rest Day)	
Tue 26 July	Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the BVM	Mass at 9.30am	This Mass is available for your intentions
Wed 27 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our parishioners on pilgrimage in Lourdes
Thur 28 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the housebound and the infirm
Fri 29 July	Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Mass at 9.30am	For the Holy Souls
Sat 30 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For our church preparations to receive the Relics of St Bernadette
Sun 31 July ✘	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For David Boyce RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Victoria - A special intention

✘ = 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 Lamp for your intentions is just £5 for a whole week.

MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER

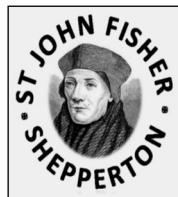
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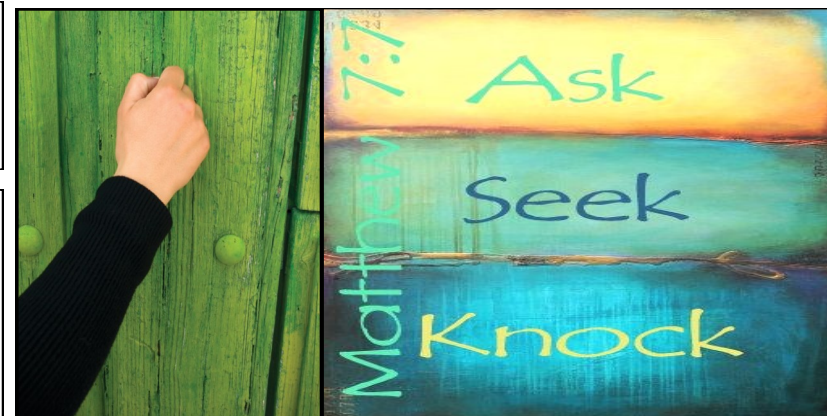
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Ordinary Time
Week 17

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 24th July 2022

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Could the author of Genesis have come up with a better story to show the power of prayer and just how merciful God is? Here we see Abraham pleading with God, praying a beautiful prayer for mercy. Abraham's prayer shows us how close he was to God. It also shows that God always listens to our prayers. God's mercy is so great!

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

When you were Baptised, you were freed from sin and given new life through water and the Holy Spirit. It is this new life of grace that Paul speaks of today. He reminds Christians that Jesus has cancelled the "debt" of our sins by his death on the cross. Our new life is not just something for later, after we die. It begins now!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

What a wonderful scene Luke paints for us today! The disciples watch Jesus at prayer. They see how much prayer means to him. One of them gets up the nerve to ask, "Lord, will you teach us to pray?" And Jesus responds by sharing the Lord's Prayer with them. (This is a shorter version than the one we pray from Matthew 6:9-13.) Then Jesus completes his lesson on prayer by telling two parables. The first urges us to persist in prayer. The second reminds us that we do not always pray for the right things. God knows best how our prayers should be answered.

← Our new parish QR code. To open, use your smartphone camera

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. 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.

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'

NOEL BROWN RIP: You may have heard the announcement at Masses last weekend, of the sad death of Noel. Many people will have known Noel as a parishioner at SJF, others will have fond memories of him at St Ignatius School in Sunbury. Noel's Funeral Mass will take place here on Friday 5th August at 11.00am, followed by burial in Sunbury cemetery. (This will be the only Mass at SJF on this day). Please pray for Noel, for Pat his wife and for the family at this time. "Go forth Christian Soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world".

WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET! Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising for new Altar Server kneelers. You are wonderfully kind. The kneelers are now on order.

DID YOU KNOW THAT SJF CHURCH IS A REGISTERED CHARITY? As with all charities, we rely on volunteers to function. If you would like to be more involved, the best way is to get involved. We might even be able to fit a role around your talent or particular interest. We have ongoing groups of volunteers, which are always open for new members to join. We are adding to our **Mass Readers lists** and to those involved in **church welcoming** and **sacristy support**. We are also looking for background volunteer support to help with our **bank depositing** at Shepperton Post Office. This is a simple commitment, once every 3/4 weeks but it's an important task. Please

contact Fr Shaun. Might you be interested in **August help** for the Parish Office: Photocopying/ folding, IT/computer work. The commitment is just a few hours to lend a hand. Please contact Traci directly, if you would like to know more: sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk

DO YOU DO YouTube? In August, 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.

We are enormously grateful to all our parishioner volunteers who do such a great job in a variety of ways. Communities grow and are strengthened when parishioners get involved. What would you like to do?

REFRESHMENTS ARE 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.

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

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.

A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE is exactly what it says — it confirms, for the purposes of a Catholic school application, that a family are regular at Mass, as practising Catholics. Certificates can be requested by Catholic families whose children are Baptised. This is an important document, please do not embarrass the parish priest by requesting a certificate, if you are not attending Mass here regularly. If you happen to have recently moved into the area, your previous parish priest can provide certification. Applications for children who are not Catholic or non

practising, can still be made for Catholic schools without a certificate, under different admission criteria. Full details on eligibility for certificates can be found on school websites and at:

[Admissions Guidance – Diocese of Westminster Education Service \(\[rcdow.org.uk\]\(http://rcdow.org.uk\)\)](#)



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 Visit 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 close from 2am until 6am. Thank you to all who have made offers of help so far - you are terrific. If you have signed up but cannot see your name on the rota, please add your name to an available slot on the notice board. This is really important so that we can utilise our volunteers effectively, rather than having people pitch up to help 'ad hoc', which will be very difficult to manage. If you are not able to help physically, please could we ask that you pray for the UK Tour of the Relics and in particular, for the preparations for our leg of the Tour. Bookings for the UK Tour, including Shepperton, will go live on the web site shortly. 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

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: £306
Giving via the bank: £673 (weekly average/ June)
Our weekend loose offertory collection has now resumed for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. Whatever way you support our work here at SJF, thanks, we couldn't do it without you.

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.

YOU ARE REALLY HELPING: 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.

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 for our preparations to receive the Relics of St Bernadette

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY

Noel Brown RIP, David Boyce RIP
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