

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 01 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor	No Mass at SJF (Fr Shaun's Rest Day)	
Tue 02 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For a private Intention
Wed 03 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Mary Warnock - Special Intention
Thur 04 Aug	St John Vianney, Priest	Mass at 9.30am	For those who are sick at home or in hospital
Fri 05 Aug	Requiem (There is no 9.30am Mass)	FUNERAL MASS AT 11.00AM	For Noel Brown RIP
Sat 06 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Mass at 10.00am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun 07 Aug ✘	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Irene Barker RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Sheila Peacock - In thanksgiving

✘ = Holy Day of Obligation

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

**Exposition and Benediction:** is suspended during August

**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

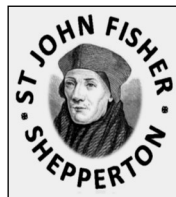
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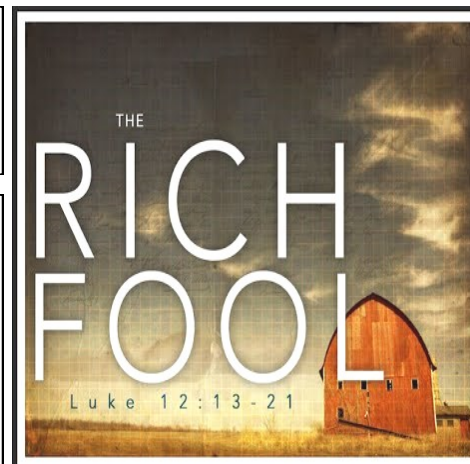
Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 2  
Ordinary Time  
Week 18

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 31st July 2022

18th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



Which is  
better... a  
bigger heart  
or a bigger  
barn?

Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase, 'There are no pockets in a shroud' is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus.

What Jesus calls us to think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it; if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we make ourselves rich in the sight of God!



← 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:** The Funeral Mass for Noel will take place here, this coming Friday, 5th August at 11.00am, followed by a private burial. (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.

**LITTLE CHURCH** is now on holiday for August, but will be back for a new term in September Children's weekly Mass sheets and Mass cards are still available at the back of the church each Sunday.

**CELEBRATE** is a Catholic ministry helping support individuals, communities and especially families to live an authentic Christian life. On their website they have a new online Family Activity Pack for the Summer. It's available here: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

**DO YOU LIKE A GOOD READ?** THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is thrilled to announce that they have launched an online newspaper with the full support of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. You can order a 4 weeks free introductory offer by calling

Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or you can email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS:** Please use the outside church hall entrance rather than short cutting via the Sacristy, which would hinder our clearing away after Mass. Refreshments will continue through the month of August

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

**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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](#)

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW** that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and to support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future. You can find out more here: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Thank you for your support.



**Timetable**  
St John Fisher Catholic Church  
15 Wood Road, Shepperton TW17 0DH

TUESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT 22	
9.00pm	Holy Rosary Confessions
10.00pm	
10.30pm	<b>ARRIVAL OF THE RELICS</b> Liturgy of Welcome
11.00pm	Veneration of the Relics
12.00 midnight	Midnight Mass
WEDNESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT	
1.00am	Veneration of the Relics
<b>Church Closed 2.00am - 6.00am</b>	
6.00am	Holy Rosary Veneration of the Relics
7.00am	Veneration of the Relics
8.00am	Holy Rosary Confessions Veneration of the Relics
9.00am	Veneration of the Relics
9.30am	Holy Mass Liturgy of Farewell

Register free to see the Relics here:  
[stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/)

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.** 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.

**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.

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**  
Loose giving in the plate: £224  
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.

**OUR CHURCH** is a friendly place, but it's easy to reach out to those we already know. Over the holiday period there may well be visitors at SJF for Mass. A smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference and pointing out where Mass sheets are can be invaluable. Thank you.

**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 in thanksgiving for the many good works, which are on going at St John Fisher Church

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**  
Noel Brown RIP, David Boyce RIP  
**ANNIVERSARIES THIS AUGUST**  
Max Maksymiuw, Annie Reilly, Patricia Collins, James Patrick Dyer, Joan Delahunty, Alf Pitfield, James Sangster, Betty Mitchell, John Pegley, Michael Hayes, Fedor Jan Putter, Florence Kershaw, Liokadia Hughes, Frances Rosa Grant, Patricia Leale, Lt Col Kevin Ryan MBE  
William Roberts, Audrey Willson Joan Heffernan, Anne Harris, Jake Harvey Latter, Fr Tom Quinn. Anna Gammond.  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**