

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✘ 02 July	13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Tony Hill RIP Pro Populo - the people of this parish For Colin Souter RIP
Mon 03 July	ST THOMAS, Apostle	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 04 July	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Elaine - a private intention
Wed 05 July	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Matthew Rowntree RIP
Thurs 06 July	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For a special intention
Fri 07 July	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Cecil Rowntree RIP
Sat 08 July	The BVM on Saturday	Apologies - no morning Mass this week	
Sun ✘ 09 July	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - the people of this parish Eileen Mary Baker (Carroll) - gravely ill For Margarita Day RIP

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass  
**Exposition and Benediction** is on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.  
**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. ✘ = Holy Day of Obligation

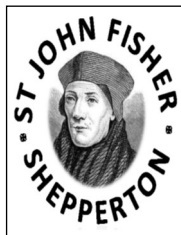
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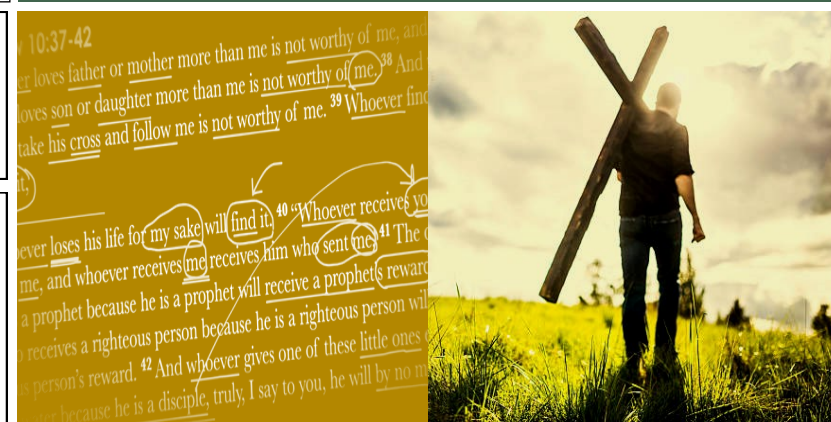


Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
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Ordinary Time  
Week 13

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Sunday 2nd July 2023 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to make our relationship with God first in all that we do. The first reading recounts how a woman provided hospitality for Elisha and was rewarded for her generosity. The psalm reminds us that all of the good things in our lives come from God. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must stop clinging to our own self-interests in order to follow him.

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16. An influential woman in Shunem offers hospitality to the prophet Elisha. In gratitude, Elisha promises her a son, despite her husband's advanced age.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 88. I will sing forever of your love, O Lord. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

**Second Reading:** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11. Through baptism, we join Christ in his death and resurrection, signifying our new life. As Christ is free from death, we too, should live free from sin, and be alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42. Jesus instructs his apostles that true discipleship requires them to prioritise their love and devotion to him above even their closest family relationships. He also emphasizes the significance of receiving and supporting those who come in his name, assuring them and us that even the smallest acts of kindness towards his disciples will be rewarded.

**WELCOME** to Mass at St John Fisher today. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ACE MICHAEL ANDREW EMO**, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold Ace and his family, in our prayers at this time.

**THANK YOU**, to all who came to the Mass on the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, Apostles, last Thursday. It was a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics and your extra efforts, to be here on this day are much appreciated. May St Peter and St Paul pray for us.

**THE VEIL REMOVED** is a free, short 5 minute film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics revealed by scripture and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To view, go online to: <https://theveilremoved.com> or click this link [The Veil Removed](https://theveilremoved.com) if reading online.

**HOLY BAPTISM** Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding the requirement of Catholic God parents, are available on request.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** If you are preparing to go away, we wish you a safe journey and a restful break. If you happen to be listed on a church rota for any particular ministry, please help us, by arranging cover with someone else on your rota. If you are finding this difficult, contact Mandy in the church office or Daphne in the Sacristy. Above all, enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.

**LOURDES TRAVEL:** For those of you travelling on the pilgrimage train to Lourdes, there will be a coach collecting you from the Church at 05.30am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please make sure you arrive promptly (with Passports), as we won't be able to wait for late arrivals. There will also be a coach for the return journey on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, but I am awaiting confirmation on the train times. For

those of you travelling by Air, please can you make your own way to Stansted Airport.

**QUILT RAFFLE:** A beautiful quilt has been kindly donated to the Lourdes team for Raffle. The quilt is on display by the shop in the porch, please take a little look! We will be selling raffle tickets after the Masses over the next few weeks and drawing the raffle after the 10.30am Mass on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Katrina.

**APOLOGIES** there will be no morning Mass at 10.00am on Saturday (8th July) The usual Saturday evening Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses are as normal.

**PARISH WEB:** Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

**LOAN SHARK AWARENESS — ORGANISED BY CARITAS.** Could you spot a loan shark? Would you know what to do if you did? This session is designed to help you to understand exactly what a loan shark is, help you to spot the signs that somebody you know may be the victim of a loan shark and how you can help them by working with the experts. Delivered by a member of the Stop Loan Sharks (Illegal Money Lending Team), it will cover some case studies, look at some victim stories and help you to understand how and when to report a suspected loan shark. 14th September. 6.00 -7.30pm You can find out more and register at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loan-shark-awareness-tickets-656751259697>

**SURREY AND SUSSEX POLICE** are looking for new volunteer Chaplains to provide wellbeing support to officers and police staff and welcome applications from Catholics, as part of the multifaith team. Most volunteer Chaplains are not faith leaders, but rather, members of their faith group and it is not necessary to have previous experience of policing or chaplaincy. What is important is the ability to listen without judgement, to be supportive of people working in policing, and to make a commitment of 2-4 hours each week including a weekly visit to a police workplace to listen and encourage colleagues there. There are further optional opportunities to help lead services, attend awards and ceremonies, and care for colleagues during major incidents. Induction, training, supervision, and

uniform is provided. The first step in the application process is to contact the Chaplaincy Lead, Frances Novillo on 07783 804665 [frances.novillo@surrey.police.uk](mailto:frances.novillo@surrey.police.uk) Thank you.

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

(For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home)

**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.**

**IT ALL ADDS UP!** We are still collecting foreign currency, including UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender, no matter how old or obscure in our special envelopes, available from the back of the church. **So far, we have collected 7.7kg (20.4lbs) in weight of coins and notes.** We will continue to collect for Mary's Meals until the beginning of September. Mary's Meals currently feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. By giving to Mary's Meals, your foreign coins and notes can help feed the next hungry child. Because of their low costs, Mary's Meals can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! Many thanks.

**FOOD BANK DROP OFF:** Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous, towards those who are struggling at the moment.

**LITTLE CHURCH IS AT THE 10.30AM MASS.** There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our children. Parents, please assist your little ones in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grow in confidence and in faith and is great preparation for receiving the Sacraments of the Church.

**IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS:** We have dates. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

**REFRESHMENTS** after the 10.30am Mass are in the church Hall. You can get there by leaving the

church and walking towards the car park at the back. You will be very welcome!

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

Loose giving in the plate: £294.16

Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £1007.21 (weekly average for May)

Our weekend loose offertory collection continues 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, thank you. We seriously couldn't survive without your support.

### **DIARY DATES:**

**FHC MASS OF THANKSGIVING** - Sunday 16th July at 10.30am (revised date)

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM** - Tuesday 15th August, Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

**MASSES AT SJF** are live streamed. Via YouTube. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated with ill health.

**EARLY COPIES** (and back copies) of this Newsletter can be viewed on the web. Just type RCDOW/Shepperton into your web search engine.



**SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE POWER OF THE LORD**

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY** has been sponsored this week by Andy McBride, for a private intention.

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

#### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS JULY**

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, Noel Brown.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**