

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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| 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 |
| Mon 10 July | feria | No Mass at SJF | |
| Tue 11 July | ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe | Mass at 9.30am | For Gertrude Mulvany RIP |
| Wed 12 July | feria | Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass | For Tommy O'Donovan RIP |
| Thurs 13 July | feria | Mass at 9.30am | For Jack Mulvany RIP |
| Fri 14 July | feria | Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass | For Margaret Gane - in thanksgiving |
| Sat 15 July | St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor | Mass at 10.00am | For Martha - In thanksgiving |
| Sun ☒ 16 July | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass | For Noel Brown RIP (1st anniversary) Pro Populo - the people of this parish For Louise Heath (Pepper) 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

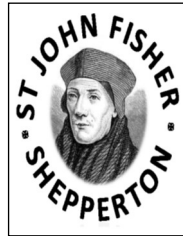
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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 14

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 9th July 2023
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Weekly Newsletter



Psalm 144

Today's Gospel is an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be like children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus.

The Lord invites those who are burdened and weary to come to him and take up his yoke, promising that they will find rest for their souls. His yoke is easy and his burden light.



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!

THE MONTH OF JULY is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through his Blood.

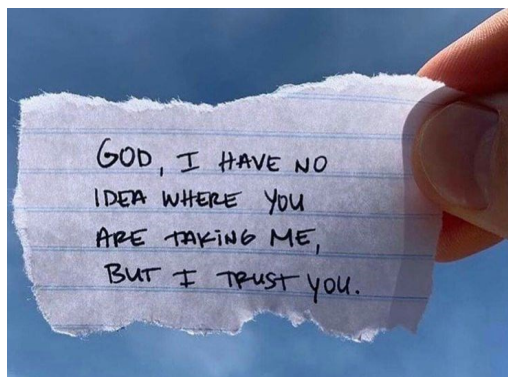
The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which Jesus The Saviour shed for us on Calvary. It is the Blood which courses through the veins of his risen, glorified, living body, at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altar by the words of Consecration. It is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.

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](#) if reading online.

LITIR GHRA - Gaelic, for Love Letter. The parents of a parishioner at St Ignatius in Sunbury, are the focus of a film documentary, available on BBC iPlayer. The documentary retells the story about Frank and Eileen, an Irish Catholic couple, and their love letters to each other during the Second World War.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? We hope to run a programme in the autumn for Adults who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. This programme will also be suitable for Catholic adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so. If you are interested please drop me an email. Many thanks. Fr Shaun: shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk

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



LAST CHANCE: 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 this weekend and draw the raffle after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday. Thank you. Katrina.

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. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance. Enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.

BE FAMILIAR... with our church and church hall exit doors and routes. You may have been coming to SJF for many years or are at SJF for the first time. It's always a good idea to look around to see where your nearest exit route is, in the event that we ever need to evacuate our building at short notice. Thank you.

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 21st 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 28th 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.

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.

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 11.9kg (26.4lbs) 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 for as little as £19.15 per child per year! Many thanks.

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.

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

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: £225.90
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 - next 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.

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, prayed and placed by the grotto of Our Lady.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
has been sponsored this week by Pat Brown
For Noel Brown RIP

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