

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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| 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 |
| Mon 17 July | feria | No Mass at SJF | |
| Tue 18 July | feria | Mass at 9.30am | For Sr. Dolores Grady RIP |
| Wed 19 July | feria | Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass | For Neta Burke RIP |
| Thurs 20 July | feria | Mass at 9.30am | For Nechama Argent RIP |
| Fri 21 July | feria | Apologies No Mass at SJF | |
| Sat 22 July | ST MARY MAGDALENE | No morning Mass 10.00am | |
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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

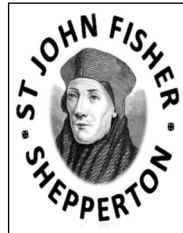
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Week 15

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 16th July 2023
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Weekly Newsletter



The Gospel reading today is the beginning of a new section in St Matthew's Gospel, called The Parabolic Discourse - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer.

Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural community. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways. The ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the Word, is the person who allows the seed of God to lodge in their heart to produce a harvest. What is the harvest we should yield when we have heard the Word of God?



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!

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN who will lead us in the readings and Intercessions at the 10.30am Sunday Mass this weekend.

THANK YOU to all who bought tickets for the quilt which was raffled last Sunday. The winning number was 129 (serial number AE 311122).

LOURDES TRAVEL UPDATE: For those of you travelling on the pilgrimage train to Lourdes, there will be a coach collecting you from the Church at **05.15am (updated time)** 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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD? ... and pays tribute to the blood Our Lord shed for us in his Passion and offers to us in the Eucharist for our salvation. This is a great reminder to us that the Host we consume at Mass is indeed the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and how joyous it is that we can receive this wonderful Sacrament in our church.

THE CONSTANT PRAYER OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: flow upon us. Precious Blood, most pure offering: procure us every grace. Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: atone for us. Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: draw us. Amen.

St Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such as Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org 01362 421442. www.walsinghamcommunity.org

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD IN LONDON** - a day celebration on Saturday 5th August from 11am-5pm in the church by Leicester Square. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. To register go to: bit.ly/wydlondon

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!

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.

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.

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 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!

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. The last session will be on Sunday 23rd July, resuming after the Summer Holiday Break on Sunday 10th September.

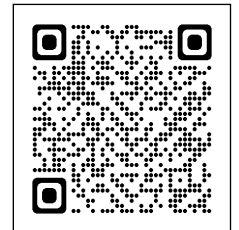
IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate: £270. 47
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.

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, Your intentions will be prayed at the Grotto of Our Lady, during the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please let us have your prayer intentions by Thursday 20th July. Thank you.



THE DOUGH SHACK - WOOD FIRED PIZZA are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm until 8.30pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code above (just capture it on your mobile phone) Call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up and order. The menu is also listed here: thedoughshack.co.uk

Please do support the Dough Shack if you can - they are supporting us!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week by Andy Mc Bride, 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