

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

<b>Sun ✘ 23 July</b>	<b>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass</b>	For Jeff Cowen RIP Pro Populo - the people of this parish For Nancy McBride RIP
Mon 24 July	feria	No Mass at SJF	<b>Masses Locally:</b> <b>St Michael's Ashford:</b> Mass, Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat at 9.15am, Wed at 6.00pm. <b>St Anne's Chertsey:</b> Mass, Mon, Tue, Wed at 9.30am.  <i>Please also check church websites for any updates. If you need a Priest urgently during this week, please do contact one of the other local Catholic churches. Fr Christian at St Ignatius is also away at this time.</i>
Tue 25 July	ST JAMES, Apostle	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 26 July	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM	No Mass at SJF <b>Holy Rosary at 9.30am</b>	
Thurs 27 July	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Fri 28 July	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Sat 29 July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	<b>Mass 10.00am</b> Holy Baptism at 12.00noon	For Carole Ann RIP
<b>Sun ✘ 30 July</b>	<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass</b>	For Jack Carlton RIP (50yr Anniversary) Pro Populo - the people of this parish For Victoria Barr - special intention

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** on Wednesdays at 9.30am this week

**Exposition and Benediction** is suspended this Friday morning.

**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. ✘ = Holy Day of Obligation

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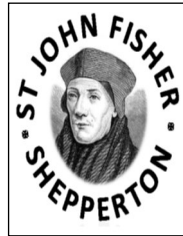
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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings  
Lectionary Year 1  
Ordinary Time  
Week 16

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 23rd July 2023  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Weekly Newsletter



**First Reading::** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 There is only one God who cares for all, exercising justice, and demonstrating might. God teaches us that power is accompanied by kindness and provides hope through the possibility of repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 85 God is good, forgiving, and kind to those who call upon Him. All nations will worship Him for His wondrous deeds. He is merciful, patient, faithful, and gives strength to His servants.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit assists us in our weaknesses, especially when we struggle with prayer. The Spirit communicates for us with deep emotions. God, who knows all hearts, understands the Spirit's intentions, who advocates for us in alignment with God's will.

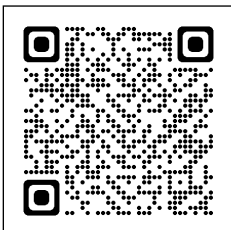
**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43 Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field, but an enemy also sowed weeds among them. When the weeds grew, the farmer chose to let them coexist with the wheat until the harvest. Jesus explains that the wheat represents the righteous, while the weeds symbolize the wicked, and they will be separated in the end. He also shares parables of the mustard seed and yeast, illustrating the small beginnings and transformative power of God's kingdom.

**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!

**WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU...** Parishioners from SJF are now on Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr Shaun has taken your prayer petitions and you will be prayed for. You can see live television pictures from the Grotto In Lourdes by visiting: [TV LOURDES \(lourdes-france.org\)](http://TV.LOURDES.lourdes-france.org) Fr Shaun and parishioners will return on Friday 28th July. For this weekend, we welcome Fr Joseph Thangaraj who will celebrate our Masses. May St Bernadette, pray for us. May Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

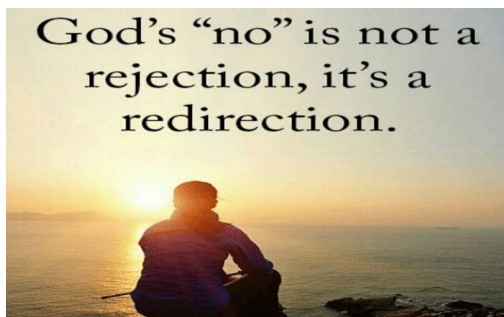
**THANK YOU** to all who bought tickets for the quilt which was raffled recently. The winning number was 129 (serial number AE 311122).

**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](mailto:shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk)



**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](http://thedoughshack.co.uk) Please do support the Dough Shack if you can - they are supporting us!

**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.



**A SISTINE CHAPEL CEILING IN THE UK:** In the church of the English Martyrs, Goring-by-Sea, an exact copy of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel Ceiling can be seen. The artwork was carried out by parishioner and sign writer Gary Bevans who is now a Deacon at English Martyrs. Gary spent five and a half years painting the reproduction of the Sistine Chapel Ceiling between 1987-1993 as a gift to the Catholic Church, funded by parishioners and visitors. Just before his undertaking began, the original Ceiling in Rome was cleaned. The original colours were revealed as bright and vibrant. Gary ordered a special book illustrating this and copied the colours using acrylic paint to recreate a fresco effect. Over 500 individual figures make up the 3500 square feet work with additional windows and popes painted for perspective. The ceiling was completed in 1993 and remains today the only full sized copy in the world, with the advantage that it is 30ft nearer to the ground than the original. For more info. Visit: <https://www.sistinechapeluk.co.uk>

**DIARY DATE: WHEREVER YOU MAY BE...** Tuesday 15th August is the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Wherever you may be, please celebrate, by attending Mass. Masses here at SJF will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Thank you.

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!

**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 12.3kg (30.6lbs) 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.** This weekend, Sunday 23rd July, is the last class before the Summer Holiday break. we will resume again on Sunday 10th September. Have a great Summer. Happy Holidays!

**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: £315. 83  
Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £2952; £738 per week (weekly average for June)  
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.

**NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?** Please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. Please feel free to drop it in to Mandy, our new Parish Administrator in the office, if you are passing by. Many thanks.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP  
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

has been sponsored this week  
by Andy Mc Bride, for his late mother,  
Nancy McBride - may she rest in peace.

**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**