

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 30 July	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Jack Carlton RIP 50yrs Pro Populo - the people of this parish For Victoria Barr - special intention
Mon 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 01 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Jack Mulvany RIP
Wed 02 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Monica Fullon RIP
Thurs 03 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joan Keenan RIP
Fri 04 Aug	St John Vianney, Priest	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For a private intention
Sat 05 Aug	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism at 12.00noon	For the family of Matilda
Sun ☒ 06 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Celine Carville - for better health Pro Populo - the people of this parish For Louise Heath (Pepper) RIP 20yrs

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

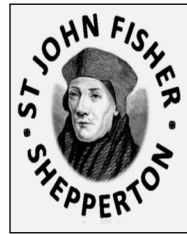
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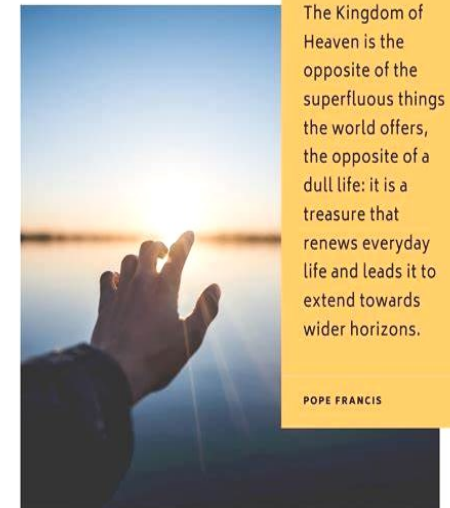
ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 30th July 2023 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time are about the wisdom of God which is very different from the wisdom of the world. The first reading recalls how Solomon requested the gift of understanding instead of material goods or power. The psalm reminds us that God's commands are more precious than gold. The second reading tells us to work for God's purpose. And in the Holy Gospel, Jesus gives us more parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price, and treasures new and old.



The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things the world offers, the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews everyday life and leads it to extend towards wider horizons.

POPE FRANCIS

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 Emmy Beth McLoughlin who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold Emmy Beth and her whole family, in our prayers at this time.

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.

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

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.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES: This is two-year part-time course, starting in September, which provides an ideal formation resource for parish catechists & lay ministers. For further details on the course content and opportunities to apply for a bursary, please contact annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

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 this coming 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

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 15.6kg (34.6lbs) 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 AT THE 10.30AM MASS is now on holiday until it resumes again on Sunday 10th September. Children can pick up a children's activity sheet and children's Mass book from the back of the church. 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.

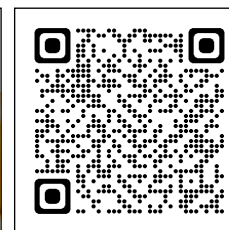
MASSES AT SJF are live streamed. Via YouTube. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated with ill health.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. A Certificate of Catholic Practice is exactly what it says: that you are practising the faith and attending Mass here regularly. Fr Shaun will also need to see a copy of the Baptism certificate before issuing a certificate. If your child was Baptised outside of St John Fisher. Full details on eligibility can be found on school websites & www.rcdow.org.uk

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!

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 (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!



CONGRATULATIONS if you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage either here or elsewhere in the near future. The Diocese requires six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. Clergy deal with large amounts of paperwork for couples, so it is important that proper notice is given. Please note that if you are intending to marry abroad, many countries require Catholics to have received all three Initiation Sacraments before agreeing to marry i.e. Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation. Marriage preparation courses are mandatory for Catholic Marriage and courses are run throughout the Diocese. See: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/> Please speak with me if you have any questions. I am happy to help. Fr Shaun.

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £5 for the whole week.

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

has been sponsored this week by Pat Brown for Noel Brown RIP and the family

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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