

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 13 Aug	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Jeanne Reynolds - for continuance of good health Pro Populo - the people of this parish For all souls who have no-one to pray for them.
Mon 14 Aug	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	No Mass at SJF	
Tue ☒ 15 Aug	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 9.30am Mass at 7.00pm	For Maureen Power RIP Pro Populo
Wed 16 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Henrietta Sawbridge RIP (102nd birthday - 16th Aug)
Thurs 17 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our young people receiving their A level results today
Fri 18 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For the sick and housebound
Sat 19 Aug	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For all who are away on holiday
Sun ☒ 20 Aug	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Agnes Elizabeth Gould RIP and Frederick Simpson RIP Pro Populo—the people of the Parish For Christine Lynch, for continuing improvement to health.

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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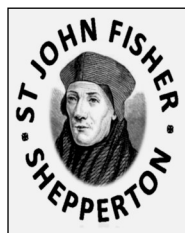
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 13th August 2023 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Weekly Newsletter



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Elijah finds shelter in a cave at Horeb. The Lord instructs him to stand outside. Amid powerful elements, God's presence is found in a tiny whisper, prompting awe and reverence.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84

God proclaims peace and salvation for the reverent. Kindness, truth, justice, and peace unite. The LORD grants benefits and prepares His path with justice.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

In Christ's truth, I bear witness to my great sorrow and anguish for my people. Despite their blessings, I'd sacrifice for their salvation. They are my own, and I long for their redemption.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

After feeding thousands, Jesus goes to pray alone. His Disciples cross the lake by boat, struggling in a storm. Jesus walks on water, calming their fears. Peter walks briefly but doubts, sinking until Jesus rescues him. The disciples worship Jesus, recognizing His divine power.



WELCOME to Mass at St John Fisher today, especially if you are visiting whilst on holiday. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are a new parishioner to SJF church, you are very welcome, please introduce yourself.

THANK YOU for your kind emails, phone messages and texts, whilst I was off sick last week with Covid. I am now fully recovered. It's good to be back with you this weekend. From Tuesday, we will welcome Fr Joseph Thangaraj MHM to our parish, to celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of the BVM and the other Masses this week, whilst Fr Shaun is away on annual leave.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sebastian Pomfret who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism last weekend. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold Sebastian and his family, in our prayers at this time. Thank you to Deacon Jim McLean from Hampton Parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in Fr Shaun's absence.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gerry O'Malley and Bob Lavery who were presented with the Benemerenti Medal by Cardinal Vincent during the recent Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for their outstanding and untiring work during the UK Tour of the Relics of St Bernadette. Well done!

WHAT IS A BENEMERENTI MEDAL?

The Benemerenti Medal is an honour awarded by the Pope for service to the Catholic Church. Originally established as an award to soldiers in the Papal Army, the medal was later extended to the clergy and the laity. Literally translated Benemerenti means 'well merited, or person of 'good merit.' The current version of the Benemerenti medal was designed by Pope Paul VI. The medal is a gold Greek Cross depicting Christ with his hand raised in blessing. On the left arm of the cross is the tiara and crossed keys symbol of the papacy. On the right arm is the coat of arms of the current Pope. The medal is suspended from a yellow and white ribbon, the colours of the Papacy.



THIS 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.

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. Enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.

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

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

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'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.

LAST FEW WEEKS to bring in your 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. The deadline is **Sunday 3rd 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!

CELEBRATE SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK: Download the brand new CELEBRATE online family activity pack for Summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch, this online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Use this link to download: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

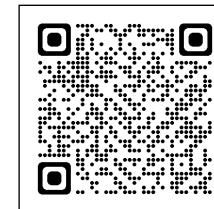
REFRESHMENTS after the 10.30am Mass are in the church Hall. You can get there by leaving the church and walking towards the car park at the back. You will be very welcome!

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £239.07
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.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2023 from 10.00 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

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!



IF YOU HAVE A CAR and are planning on visiting a charity shop - we have some items in the office to clear. Please let us know. Thank you for your help.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

Admission to Year 7 in 2023
OPEN MORNINGS -No appointment necessary - tours approximately 1 hour
Thursday 22nd & 29th Sept & 6th Oct. 8.45am to 10.15am
OPEN EVENING -Thursday 22nd Sept 5.00pm to 7.30pm
Headteacher Address at 5.45pm and 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening
Admission to Year 12 in 2023
Wednesday 28th September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Address at 6.30pm

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week, in thanksgiving.

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