

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

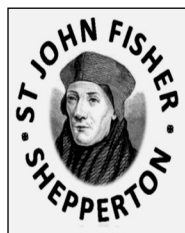
Sun ☒ 20 Aug	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Agnes Elizabeth Gould RIP and Frederick Simpson RIP Pro Populo—the people of the Parish For Christine Lynch, for continuing improvement to health.
Mon 21 Aug	St Pius X, Pope	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 9.30am	For the sick and housebound
Wed 23 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Fr Tom Quinn RIP
Thurs 24 Aug	ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For our young people receiving their exam results today
Fri 25 Aug	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For all those who are away on holiday
Sat 26 Aug	BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	
Sun ☒ 27 Aug	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For persecuted Christians Pro Populo—the people of the Parish For Matilda for security in Uganda for her family

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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To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/> We are a registered charity No: 233699

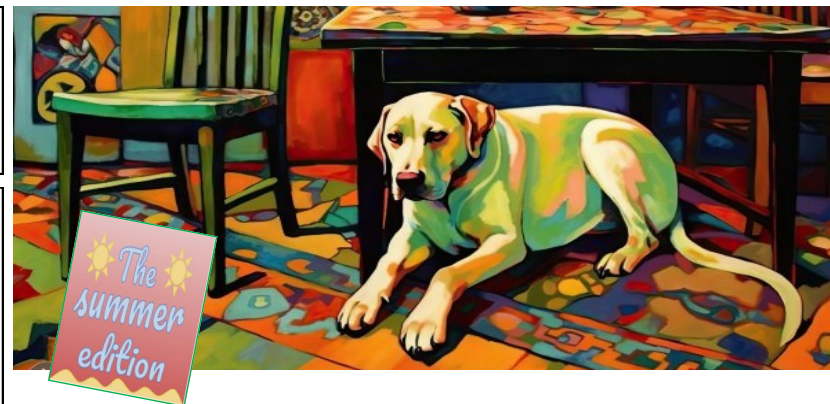


Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 20

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 20th August 2023
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, highlight that God wills all of the world to be saved. In the first reading the Israelites learn that foreigners who follow the decrees of the Lord also worship God. In the second reading St Paul speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles; and in the Holy Gospel reading, Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord calls for righteousness and justice. Foreigners who love and serve him, keeping the covenant and observing the Sabbath, will find acceptance in his house — a house of prayer for all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66

May God's compassion and blessings shine upon us, revealing his ways to all the nations, leading us to salvation. Let all the peoples praise him, rejoicing in his just rule and guidance.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters, as the apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry, making my race envious for salvation. Rejection brings reconciliation, and God's gifts and call endure. Mercy awaits all.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 A Canaanite woman pleads for Jesus' help, seeking healing for her possessed daughter. Though initially hesitant, Jesus praises her great faith: "but even the house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the master's table.". The daughter is healed instantly.

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.

FR JOSEPH THANGARAJ MHM (MILL HILL MISSIONARIES) is celebrating the weekend and daily Masses whilst Fr Shaun is on annual leave. Fr Joseph will be staying in the Presbytery. Do please make him feel welcome and at home. If the opportunity arises, why not invite him for supper or afternoon tea?

EXAMINATION RESULTS: For our young people who have received examination results recently, we hope that these were all you have hoped for. However, remember that you are loved and supported by your families and your church family too, regardless of the results.

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.



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 TWO 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!

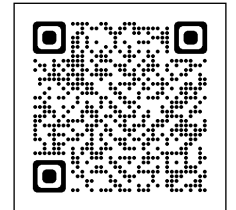
TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £277.64
Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £2973; £743 per week (weekly average for July)
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

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.

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 for our young people who have received their exam results.

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