THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 30 June	**ST PETER and ST PAUL, Apostles**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Dave Joslyn RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Theresa Aherne & Sheelagh Horne RIP - anniversaries
Mon 01 July	THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHERDRAL	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 02 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For all souls in purgatory
Wed 03 July	ST THOMAS, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For David Andrews RIP
Thurs 04 July *Election Day*	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our Nation on Election Day
Fri 05 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition & Benediction follows Mass**	For Margarita Day RIP - anniversary
Sat 06 July	St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00 noon**	For our preparations & efforts for the hall renovation
Sun ✠ 07 July	**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Victoria Barr — a special intention Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For the repose of the souls of Paddy & Rita Daly RIP

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 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/

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 30th June 2024
ST PETER & ST PAUL, APOSTLES
Weekly Newsletter



This weekend the Church celebrates the feast day of two remarkable apostles who played pivotal roles in the early Church, St Peter and St Paul. These two individuals, with their distinct personalities and life journeys, exemplify the transformative power of faith and the enduring message of Christ. Despite their imperfections and past mistakes, God chose St Peter and St Paul as instruments to build and spread His Church, leaving us with a profound lesson: He can work through each of us, no matter what our shortcomings may be.

First Reading: ***Acts 12:1-11***
In the first reading, the story of Peter's arrest and deliverance has a miraculous note to it. God seems to be watching over the infant Church with Fatherly care. Peter attributes his personal rescue from danger to God's saving hand. We also notice that this first group of Christians seems to be characterized by a spirit of unity, support, care, concern and prayer.

Second Reading: ***2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18***
St. Paul compares his life to, among other things, a race well run, for which he will be rewarded by the crown of immortality. His success was due to the loving protection of God. Pray that like St Paul you will recognise the good you have done - but give thanks to God for it.

Gospel: ***Matthew 16:13-19***
St. Peter was the first to make a profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter also denied Jesus, not just once, but three times, and then professed his love for Jesus three times. He trusted Jesus enough to walk on water in the midst of a storm, but began to doubt when he noticed the waves in the storm. He was a disciple of strength (the rock), of weakness (denial), of love (you know I love you), of trust (walking on water), of doubt (he gets scared and falls down into the water).

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US

THE LOURDES PRAYER BOX is out, at the back of the church, to receive your prayer requests. These intentions will then be taken to Lourdes during the Westminster Pilgrimage and placed by the grotto of Our Lady. May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

£1,082.78 was the amazing amount raised during the ***SATURDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT*** fundraiser last week. It was a really fun evening with plenty of music, singing and even some dancing! Thank you to all involved, to all who came to support the event or helped in any way - and not least, to Chris Smyth who came up with the idea and got the whole thing moving. You are all brilliant!
If you would like to help us with our fund raising efforts - please let us know your ideas. If you would like to make a contribution more directly, we have now added a new, ***Hall Reno*** donation button to the card machine, by the entrance to the church. As soon as we have further information on a time line for the Hall Renovation - we'll let you know. Thank you.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: *A Day With Mary* on Saturday 13th July (9.45am to 5.00pm) further details, including the full programme for the day are available at www.adaywithmary.org or http://www.eventcatholic.com/

CATHOLIC JOB OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: The Assumption Sisters from Kensington are now recruiting a 'Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry' to join their team based in London. (Closing date 7th July) Check out the Job Description online: https://bit.ly/AssumptionYAM More details are also on our website: https://assumpta-eu.org/recruiting-coordinator/

THEO MORRIS RIP was a long-term, member of St John Fisher, attending the Sunday 8.30am Mass. His Funeral Mass will take place here on Wednesday 17th July at 11.30am. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife Sheena and family, who feel the rawness of grief at this time. Go forth Christian soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

LITTLE CHURCH IS USUALLY AT THE 10.30AM MASS. There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our older children, who remain in church for the duration of the Mass. Parents, please assist your children in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grow in confidence and in faith and is great preparation, giving them a head - start for receiving the Sacraments of the Church, when they are old enough.

OFFERTORY GIFTS: On special occasions over the past weeks, we have reinstated the Offertory Procession of bread and wine. From this weekend at the 10.30am Mass, we will resume this lovely custom full time. Those who organise the collection, will simply ask two people to bring forward the gifts to the priest, when collectors move to the front of the church.

HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding god parents are available from the church porch table.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Ada Valentina Amore Rabbetts who received the wonderful Sacrament of holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for baby Ada and her family at this time.

LITURGICAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
Thursday 15th August **at 12.00 noon only**

DEO GRATIAS - THANKS BE TO GOD: Three men were ordained this weekend to the Sacred Priesthood in Westminster Cathedral, for service in our Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers: Fr. Thomas Blackburn, Fr. Robert Smialek and Fr. Domagoj Matokovic.



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

LIKE PIZZA? YOU'LL LOVE THE DOUGH SHACK They are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code (capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up.

ALL REGULAR MASSES AT SJF are live streamed via *YouTube* for those who are incapacitated by ill health. Just go to *You Tube* and type in the search bar: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass - in the church hall. You will be most welcome. The hall & access to the toilets is via the outside door, along the side of the church.

THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS has declared that from Advent 2024 the new liturgical year will be a Year of Jubilee, titled *Jubilee 25 - Pilgrims of Hope.* We shall hear more about the Jubilee over the coming months.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Weekend loose money collections: £299.33
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £902.33p per week during May. Our weekend loose money offertory collection is really important and continues for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine or give on-line. Please assist the collectors, by passing the collection bags down the bench (pew) when handed to you. Your donations support absolutely everything we do here. We are self supporting, with no other assistance from the Diocese (or government except for Gift Aid), so whatever way you support the work we do here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without you.

https://www.catholiclisteners.com/ is a phone service & website dedicated to being present, when you want to talk to someone about faith & life's big questions.

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support. Thank you for your ongoing kindness to those in need.

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. Above all, enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON TO THE LORD, AND SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, THE LORD HAS IN MIND FOR YOUR LIFE

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for the repose of the soul of Lorna Troop RIP
May the perpetual light of the Lord shine upon her

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
David Andrews RIP - Theo Morris RIP

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