THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 08 July	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 09 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr Simon Thang Duc Nguyen 25th anniversary of Ordination
Wed 10 July	Feria	**No Mass today**	
Thurs 11 July	ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For David Andrews RIP
Fri 12 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition & Benediction follows Mass**	For a private intention - in thanksgiving
Sat 13 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary On Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00 noon**	For all souls in purgatory
Sun ✠ 14 July	**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Noel Brown RIP - 2nd anniversary Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Bronwyn Barr - a special intention

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. (Thursday, for this week only) ✠ **= Holy Day of Obligation**

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 7th July 2024
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



There's a phrase we use: "familiarity breeds contempt." This could well describe the Gospel story we have just heard: the people of Jesus' home town were so familiar with him as "the carpenter" that they were filled with contempt at the thought he could be anything different! Perhaps there are two messages for us in this story: firstly, don't "pigeon-hole" people, locking them into what you have already decided is their "place in life."



The people of Jesus' home town were deprived of his grace, because they could not see beyond "the carpenter" to the prophet God was sending them. They, who should have welcomed him and his message with open arms, had their eyes and minds and hearts closed to the possibility that he could be a prophet.

We should be careful never to "lock" people into the place we think they should occupy, because by doing so we too may miss out on God's graces sent through them. The second message is that we should be careful not to take our faith for granted: familiarity with our prayers or religious routines by prioritising other things over faith can blunt their effectiveness. In the Gospel, the people are surprised by Jesus: he shakes them out of their routine. We should be open to God's surprises, and not be astonished when God displays his love for us!

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



THE MONTH OF JULY is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the Sacraments were brought forth through his Blood.

The Precious Blood is the Blood which Jesus shed for us at his crucifixion. It is the Blood which courses through the veins of his risen, glorified, living body, at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altar by the words of Consecration. It is the Blood which gave us sanctifying grace and through it, washes and beautifies our soul.

A prayer from the litany of the Precious Blood:

O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS THIS WEEKEND: Imagine someone in your class, who has never showed any interest in football, suddenly announces that he/she is going to try out for the school team. Everyone laughs. But what no one knows is that this budding footballer has been practising playing football for ages, and is brilliant! Because no one will give the youngster a chance (not even the teachers), they don't get the chance to prove themselves on the team. The school loses the tournament and everyone misses out, because somebody new to the game wasn't given a chance. Does this remind you of the Gospel story today? Jesus wasn't given a chance and as a result, all the people of the town missed out. The message for us is that we shouldn't dismiss others. We don't know about their hidden talents and gifts – sometimes people can surprise us, even at playing football!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Nellie Maeve Spick who received the wonderful Sacrament of holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for baby Nellie and for her family at this blessed time.

OFFERTORY GIFTS: We have reinstated the Offertory Procession of bread and wine at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. 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.

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

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday, wedding anniversary, 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. Important : if you are making a written request with an envelope posted or given to Fr Shaun at Mass, please add your name and contact details so we can advise when the Mass will be offered.

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.

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.

LITURGICAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Thursday 15th August **at 12.00 noon only**

SAT MUSIC NIGHT fundraiser raised a terrific £1,082.78. Thank you to all involved, to all who came to support the event or helped in any way - we had a great evening. 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 added a new, *Hall Renovation* donation button to the card machine, by the entrance to the church. Thank you.

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

FR SHAUN will be away from the parish for one day on Wednesday 10th July - there will be no Mass at SJF therefore on this day.

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.

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'

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Weekend loose money collections: £167.71

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.

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

is sponsored this week by Claudia praying for Rhiannon, Sandra, Leslie and Scott

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer

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