THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 16 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Jennifer Miller - receiving medical treatment at this time
Wed 17 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass** **Funeral Mass at 11.30am**	For Dave Driscoll RIP **For Theo Morris RIP**
Thurs 18 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Sherry Beach - for a speedy recovery
Fri 19 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition & Benediction follows Mass**	For Steven Griggs - for a speedy recovery
Sat 20 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For Nechama Argent RIP - Anniversary
Sun ✠ 21 July	**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Hilda Solomon - in thanksgiving

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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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 14th July 2024
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle Readings Year B
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In the first reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear about Amos. Amos was a simple shepherd whom God called to be a prophet. Amos did not seek this role, he simply obeyed God's call and spoke The Lords message to Israel. This shows us that God can call anyone, no matter what their background.

In the second reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we learn about the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. We are chosen to be holy. We are liberated by Jesus' sacrifice. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit. This reminds us that our blessings are not just physical but spiritual.

The Gospel reading shows Jesus sending out the Twelve apostles. He gives them authority over unclean spirits. He tells them to travel light and rely on God. They are to preach repentance and heal the sick.

God calls each of us to a mission. Amos was called from being a shepherd. The apostles were called from their daily work. We too are called to serve God in our lives. But how should we respond? We all have gifts and talents which we use day by day - but which of these talents can we use to serve God's Church? How can we put our skills and talents to work to support St John Fisher Church?

When the apostles were sent out, they had to rely on the hospitality of others. The apostles had to trust God to provide. Now the Church trusts that God will provide the gifts, time and talents of parishioners to continue to do his work. What can we do collectively? What mission do you feel God is calling you to? What will you offer for God?

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

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.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:
When you have a job to do, you want the right tools to use. So if you are drawing a picture, you need your pens and colouring pencils. If you are making a *Lego* model, you need all the right pieces! Jesus gives his friends a job to do today – to go out and tell people about him. But what "tools" do they have? Only one thing – that they know Jesus! That is the only tool we need today, if we are to help let the world know about Jesus. So how well do you know him? Can you think of 5 or 10 things you know about Jesus? Can you remember where he was born? What is the day called when we celebrate his birth? What was the name of Jesus' Mother? Do you remember the gifts which were given to Jesus by the three Wise Men, who travelled from the East? What happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday? What else can you remember about Jesus?

LITTLE CHURCH - NEXT SUNDAY 21ST JULY is the last Little Church before we break for the summer. Little Church will be back after the holidays (8th September). Thank you to all our catechists who have taught our children this term - you get an **A+** for all your efforts. During the break Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, will continue to be available for our youngsters. Pick them up from the back of the church.

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, this coming 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

LAST WEEKEND - 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 Harry Edward Panayides who received the wonderful Sacrament of holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for baby Harry and for his family at this blessed time.

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**

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

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - OPEN EVENTS
For Admission to Year 7 in 2025
Open Mornings
Thursday 26th September, 3rd Oct & 10th Oct
Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am
No appointment necessary
Open Evening
Thursday 26th September from 5.30pm -7.30pm
Headteacher Evening Address
at 5.45pm & 6.30pm
Sixth Form Open Evening
Admission to Year 12 in 2025
Wednesday 2nd Oct from 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

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' And of course, we always look forward to seeing you at Mass in person.

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.

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/

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.

LIVING CATHOLICISM TODAY SUMMER COURSE: 1ST – 4TH AUGUST. How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Weekend loose money collections: £198.05
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.

A PRAYER FROM THE MONTH OF JULY DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

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.

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.

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for the repose of the soul of Noel Brown RIP on the 2nd anniversary of his death

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