THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 22 July	ST MARY MAGDALENE	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 23 July	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN Religious, (Patron of Europe)	Mass at 9.30am	For Birol Hussein RIP
Wed 24 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Shirley Cronin - in hospital
Thurs 25 July	ST JAMES, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For Mary Boyle - in thanksgiving
Fri 26 July	St Joachim & St Anne Parents of the BVM	Mass at 9.30am **Exposition & Benediction follows Mass**	For Peggy & Joe Ryan RIP
Sat 27 July	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	**There is no Mass at 10.00am this week**	
Sun ✠ 28 July	**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish *This Mass is available for your intentions* For Brian Barnes 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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ST JOHN FISHER SHEPPERTON

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 21st July 2024
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



You will likely have heard the saying: "There's no rest for the wicked." Actually that's so untrue: the wicked are very good at making sure they have plenty of rest for themselves! Normally it is the good, the kind, the selfless and the generous who have no time to rest, because they are always going the extra mile for others.

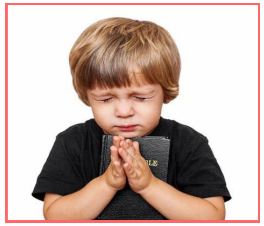
This is exactly what we see in the Gospel: Jesus cannot rest while there are lost sheep wandering around! He recognises that they are missing something in life, something that only he can give, and so he sets himself to "revive their drooping spirits" by his generous teaching.

This says three things to us: first, and most important, that Jesus will always watch out for us, always offering us himself if we are "lost". Secondly, we should try to be as generous as he is. When we see people who are lost, or afraid, or hurting, it is our job (as believers) to do what we can – even if this means additional work for us. Thirdly, we should find and create moments of rest for ourselves, so that we can enjoy the "restful waters" our Good Shepherd leads us to.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS:
Staying in bed all day, every day, is not good for us! But working hard every hour of every day is not good either! We need to balance work and play, effort and rest. Jesus gives his friends a bit of rest today, after they have been working so hard! Ask Jesus to help you work and to rest - and make sure you do your bit to help others, especially your mums and dads.
And one other thing…. enjoy your school holidays, now they have finally got going.

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.



NO TIME? We have so many distractions in our lives and things to do. Prayer can sometimes seem like another item on our to-do list. And since it doesn't seem urgent, it might end up at the bottom of that list. But prayer is important. When we are overwhelmed, as Jesus often was by the crowds, we need it more, not less. Many saints knew this also. Consider this quote from St. Francis de Sales:

"Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer a day, except when we are busy – then we need an hour."

THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST WEEK FOR 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.

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.

ALL REGULAR MASSES AT SJF are live streamed via *YouTube* for those who are incapacitated by ill health, or away on holiday and want to keep up to date with SJF. Just go to *You Tube* and type in the search box:' St John Fisher Shepperton' And of course, we always look forward to seeing you at Mass in person.

IT'S BROKEN! After 30 years, the Clavinova electronic piano, used for Mass on Sundays and for marriages and funerals and all the other occasional services has finally stopped working properly and is beyond repair. For the funeral last Wednesday and for the next two Sundays we have use of a loaned instrument, but we'll need to work out a way forward otherwise we shall be stuck with using CD music which is far from ideal. If you happen to have an underused Clavinova or similar and are wanting to find a new home for it - please do let us know.

AND ANOTHER THING… next week, from Monday onwards you will notice some activity outside the Church Hall. In preparation for the renovation of the hall - our mains gas meter has to be moved. This is to make way for a new fully accessible toilet. Currently the meter is positioned just outside the men's toilet. Because of this, we have to replace current pipework to conform with new regulations regarding the gauge of pipes. New gas pipes have to be laid from the building to the main stop valve in the road. The cost is a whopping, painful but unavoidable £7,469.00p

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.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day 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. All are most welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

LITURGICAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Thursday 15th August **at 12.00 noon only** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Wherever you may be, please do your very best to attend Mass on this day.

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.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK 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. We are self supporting, with no other assistance from the Diocese (or government except for Gift Aid), Your donations support absolutely everything we do here, so whatever way you support the work we do here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without you. Last Weekend the combined loose money collections across the three Masses was: £257.86 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £902.33p per week during May. Thank you.

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.

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.

APOLOGIES there is no Saturday morning Mass this week 27th at 10.00am. Fr Shaun is celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage elsewhere. All other Masses are as normal.

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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help for the peoples
of the Middle East. Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace. Where there is
hatred and division sow seeds of calm and
openness. Where there is destruction help us to
rebuild. Where children are crying bring an end to
tears. Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the barriers of
history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.
Amen. *Linda Jones / CAFOD*

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week, praying for
Rhiannon, Sandra, Leslie and Scott.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
David Andrews 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