THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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 For Brendan O' Reilly - receiving medical treatment, for a speedy recovery. For Brian Barnes RIP
Mon 29 July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 30 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Maureen Power RIP - 1st anniversary
Wed 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Alexander Swan - private intentions
Thurs 01 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	No Mass	
Fri 02 Aug	Feria	No Mass	
Sat 03 Aug	Feria	No Mass	
Sun ✠ 04 Aug	**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Bernardine Doran RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

Masses locally, telephone for details:

St Michael's, Ashford 01784 252230
St Anne's ,Chertsey 01932 562375
St Ignatius, Sunbury 01932 783507

Please also check church websites for any holiday updates. If you need a Priest urgently, please do contact other local Catholic churches.

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 28th July 2024
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

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For the next five weeks we take our leave of Saint Mark's Gospel (since it is not long enough to fill the year) and read Chapter Six of Saint John's Gospel. This is the famous "Eucharistic Discourse" and begins with the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. A line of the Psalm gives the meaning of today's readings: "The eyes of all creatures look to you (O God) and you give them their food in due time."

Our God is the God who provides for his people; the prosperity and fruitfulness of our earth and the mysterious cycles of nature to ensure that all have what they need and have some left over.



The actions of Elisha and Jesus are in a sense prophetic: many would say that there is not enough food in this world to go round, just as the two sets of disciples complain that there is not enough for the hundred or the five thousand. But the prophetic action states that this is not true: God provides what is needed. This might prompt us to think about the unfair and unequal distribution of the fruits of the earth: the miracle is a sign of the Kingdom of God - of what God wants the world to be like. Perhaps we should take the message of the miracle to heart this Sunday and think about, and pray for, the multitude who hunger in our world today.

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.

FR CHRISTOPHER COLVEN will be celebrating the Saturday Evening Mass this week, whilst Fr Shaun is celebrating a marriage outside of the Parish. Fr Christopher was formerly Parish Priest & Rector at the Church of St James, Spanish Place and is now Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Houses of Parliament and Catholic Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Westminster. We are delighted to have Fr Christopher with us.

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.

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.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH is now on a holiday break and will resume on Sunday 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.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS: Today we hear how Jesus gave thanks to God for the food that was given to him and fed more than 5,000 people. This miracle teaches us about the great gift we receive in the Holy Mass, when the gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. When the bread and wine are offered at Mass, we offer ourselves as well, saying thank you to God for all the things that we have been given.
There are many wonderful contributions that we want to make to our world and in our Church. Sometimes we might wonder whether we will be able to do these things and the many things that God wants us to do.
In today's Gospel, Jesus taught his disciples that he can take their small offerings and make amazing things happen. When we offer God our works and our actions, God will bless them and will help us to do amazing things.
Have a great weekend!

IT'S BROKEN! UPDATE As you may have read last week, the church Clavinova electronic piano, used for Mass on Sundays, marriages, funerals, Easter and Christmas had finally stopped working properly and was beyond repair. Following the note in the Newsletter last week, we received three kind offers and are now arranging to collect the Clavinova for its new home church. Thank you to all those who made those kind offers.

ANOTHER THING… UPDATE Our mains gas meter in the hall has not yet moved but new gas pipes have been laid from the building to the new main stop valve in the road. We reported last week that the bill was a whopping, painful but unavoidable £7,469.51p Unfortunately additional work required on site this past week, has lead to an additional cost of £2,415.52. The final amount is £9,885.03 this stings, but will eventually make way for a new fully accessible toilet as part of our hall renovation plans. Your donations each week really do cover absolutely everything we do for the mission of the Church - even gas meters! Thank you for supporting your church. Fr. Shaun

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.

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.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Mon 26th Aug from 10.00 am to 4:30 Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches will depart from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK Our weekend loose money offertory collection is really important and continues for those who do not use a bank standing order, use the card machine or make your offering 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 kind donations support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works 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: £224.12 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £850.21 per week during June. Thank you, you are brilliant!

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS if you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, either here or elsewhere, in the near future. The diocese requires six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. Clergy deal with large amounts of paperwork for couples, so it is important that proper notice is given. Please note that if you are intending to marry abroad, many countries require Catholics to have received all three Initiation Sacraments before agreeing to marry. i.e. Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation. Marriage preparation courses are obligatory for Catholic marriage, but are a great way to get to know your other half even more! Courses are run throughout the diocese. For more details go to:
Marriage and Family Life - Diocese of Westminster (rcdow.org.uk)

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 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, Helen Diekmann.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD