THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 05 Aug	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 06 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 07 Aug	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Thurs 08 Aug	St. Dominic, Priest	No Mass at SJF 9.30am Holy Rosary	
Fri 09 Aug	ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, Virgin and Martyr	No Mass **at SJF**	
Sat 10 Aug	ST. LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr	No morning Mass at SJF **12 noon Baptism**	
Sun ✠ 11Aug	**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Celia Capstick in thanksgiving Pro Populo For David Driscoll—RIP

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 contact other local Catholic churches for assistance.

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass **(see below for this week)**
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 Thursday at 9.30am for this week only. ✠ **= Holy Day of Obligation**

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 4th August 2024
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognised the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognise the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Over the coming week, think about and name the wonderful gifts that God has given to you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that the Lord does for us.

Take a look at today's Gospel, John 6:24–35. Why are the people seeking out Jesus? What do they want from Jesus? Do they recognise that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life. This is the gift of Jesus himself given to us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

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.

PLEASE DO COME ALONG and support our weekend Masses whilst Fr Shaun is away on annual leave. Our supply priests will be travelling some considerable distance to be here with us to celebrate the weekend Masses for us; wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a full church for all the Masses! This weekend we welcome Canon Colin Davies to our parish.

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.

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 have now gratefully received a new Clavinova which we hope to have ready for use very soon. We are so very thankful.

ANOTHER THING… UPDATE Our mains gas meter in the hall has now been moved and new gas pipes have been laid from the building to the new main stop valve in the road. The filling of the holes and the tarmac work will be completed in the next 3-5 workings days. 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 extra cost of £2,415.52. The final amount is £9,885.03 but this will 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 St John Fisher, 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.

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 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: £272.08 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.

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

RED BOX HOLDERS - Thank you to all Red Box holders for last year's contributions to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. This parish raised a total of £595.63 through cash and direct donations. You will shortly receive (or may have already received) the latest publication from Missio. If you now give directly and therefore receive a magazine through the post I should be grateful if you would let me know (email mfitzge715@aol.com or tel 01932 223966). If you are new to the parish and would like to know more about how to support Missio please let me know.

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
Noel Brown and the deceased relatives of the Brown family - 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