THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 11 Aug	**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Celia Capstick in thanksgiving Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For David Driscoll RIP
Mon 12 Aug	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 13 Aug	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 14 Aug	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	No Mass at SJF	
Thurs 15 Aug ✠	**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**	**MASS AT 12.00 NOON**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 16 Aug	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Sat 17 Aug	Feria or BVM on Saturday	No morning Mass at SJF	
Sun ✠ 18 Aug	**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Patricia Shields—RIP For Fr. Tom Quinn—RIP

Masses locally, telephone for details:

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

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass **(no Holy Rosary this week only)**
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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Sunday 11th August 2024
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognise him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognise that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for the Holy Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

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 Fr Tony Convery 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.

This coming Thursday, 15th August, we will welcome Mgr. Jim Overton to our parish to celebrate Mass at **12 noon** on the **Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please do your best to come along to this special Mass.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a special event for Catholics. It celebrates Mary being taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. This means she did not go through decay like others. Instead, God brought her directly to heaven.

This event is celebrated every year on August 15th. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics in the UK. On this day, Catholics remember Mary's unique role in the life of Jesus and the Church. They honour her as the mother of Jesus and a model of faith.

Pope Pius XII officially defined the Assumption as a dogma in 1950. This means it is a core belief of the Catholic Church. Even though the Assumption is not directly mentioned in the Bible, it is based on long-standing tradition and reflection within the Church.

The Assumption of Mary gives hope to all Catholics. It reminds us that just as Mary was taken to heaven, they too can look forward to eternal life with God. This feast encourages Catholics to live a life of faith, trusting in God's promise of salvation.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Davin O'Shea who received the wonderful sacrament of holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for baby Davin and for his family at this blessed time.

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.

PEACE: A prayer by St. Francis de Sales:

Be at Peace.

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen

Cardinal Vincent has joined other faith leaders including the Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis, Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Sayed Razawi, Chief Imam in condemning the recent 'hatred, violence and vandalism to towns and cities across the country.' You can read the full text of their letter at rcdiocese of Westminster website.

GAS METER… UPDATE This work has now been completed—thank you for all your kind donations towards this work.

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: £233.85 Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £1,025.83 per week during July. Thank you, you are brilliant!

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.

Also after the 12 noon Mass of the Assumption on Thursday 15th August.

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