THE WEEK AHEAD 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
Mon 19 Aug	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 20 Aug	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	For Renee Pery – RIP
Wed 21 Aug	Saint Pius V	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	
Thurs 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 9.30am	For Gertrude Mulvany – RIP
Fri 23 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For David Andrews – RIP
Sat 24 Aug	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle	Mass at 10.00am	For all those receiving medical treatment at this time.
Sun ✠ 25 Aug	**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Frank Macken – RIP For Helen Diekmann – RIP (1st anniversary) Pro Populo for the people of the Parish

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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TO MAKE A DONATION or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

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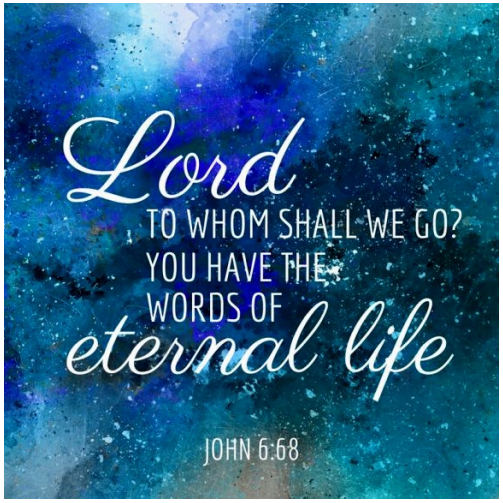
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Sunday cycle Readings Year B
Weekday Readings Year 2 - Wk 20
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



Despite the fact that the theme of Mass today continues that of last Sunday, there is a new twist: in recent weeks we have been looking at the Bread of Life in a very figurative or spiritual way: today we come right down to (literally) fleshy realities: food and drink, flesh and blood. As we shall see, this is too much for the Jews to swallow, and they will desert Jesus after what he says today. How far we have come from a few weeks ago when the crowds flocked over the lake to find Jesus after the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand! Despite the complexity of the message, and the reaction of the crowd, there is an elegant simplicity about it all, which the first reading and the response to the psalm highlight: there we hear a simple invitation: "Come and eat, come and drink!" and "Taste and see." Ignorance and folly disappear when they are surrendered to the generosity of God, and we taste the eternal life that Jesus gives us in himself.



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.
Fr Shaun will return from annual leave on Tuesday 20th August.

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 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.

The Memorare
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known,
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen

SOME SMALL QUOTES FOR YOU TO PONDER:
Today is the tomorrow I worried about yesterday.

My past, O Lord to your mercy; my present, to your love; my future to your providence. Padre Pio

Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.

Look back and thank God, look forward and trust God.

Those who leave everything in God's hand, eventually see God's hand in everything.

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: £213.35 . Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £1,025.83 per week during July. 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.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS? Please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. Please feel free to drop it in to Mandy, our Parish Administrator in the office, if you are passing by. Many thanks.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON TO THE LORD, AND SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, THE LORD HAS IN MIND FOR YOUR LIFE

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
the sick of the Parish

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