THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 29 June	**ST PETER & ST PAUL, Apostles**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Marian Miranda - family intentions For George Derrington RIP
Mon 30 June	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 01 July	THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis Paul RIP
Wed 02 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Jarlath O' Conell RIP
Thurs 03 July	ST THOMAS, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For Marian Miranda - family intentions
Fri 04 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Steve Lonie RIP
Sat 05 July	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00**	For Margarita Day RIP (anniversary)
Sun ✠ 06 July	**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Orlando Miranda dos Santos RIP (10th anniversary) Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Marie Rushe RIP (Birthday)

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass - suspended during refurbishment
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning - suspended during refurbishment
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
Prayer Request Box: at the back of the church. **✠ = Holy Day of Obligation**

HAVE A HOLY MASS OFFERED for your intentions: speak to Mandy in the office (Wed or Thurs AM) to book your date. If you are making a written request please add your name and contact details.

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Ordinary Time
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 29th June 2025
ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES
Weekly Newsletter



This weekend the Church celebrates the feast day of two remarkable apostles who played pivotal roles in the early Church, St Peter and St Paul. These two individuals, with their distinct personalities and life journeys, exemplify the transformative power of faith and the enduring message of Christ. Despite their imperfections and past mistakes, God chose St Peter and St Paul as instruments to build and spread His Church, leaving us with a profound lesson: He can work through each of us, no matter what our shortcomings may be.

First Reading: *Acts 12:1-11*

In the first reading, the story of Peter's arrest and deliverance has a miraculous note to it. God seems to be watching over the infant Church with Fatherly care. Peter attributes his personal rescue from danger to God's saving hand. We also notice that this first group of Christians seems to be characterized by a spirit of unity, support, care, concern and prayer.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

St. Paul compares his life to, among other things, a race well run, for which he will be rewarded by the crown of righteousness. His success was due to the loving protection of God. Pray that like St Paul you will recognise the good you have done - but give thanks to God for it.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-19*

St. Peter was the first to make a profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter also denied Jesus, not just once, but three times, and then professed his love for Jesus three times. He trusted Jesus enough to walk on water in the midst of a storm, but began to doubt when he noticed the waves in the storm. He was a disciple of strength (the rock), of weakness (denial), of love (you know I love you), of trust (walking on water), and finally of doubt (he gets scared and falls down into the water).

Welcome to Mass at SJF as we celebrate Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Apostles

ALL OUR MASSES are live streamed at SJF, offering a valuable link for those who are unable to get to Mass. If you are unwell, just go to You Tube and type in the search box: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. But as always we enjoy having you with us in person.

LOOKING AHEAD… As we prepare to take back the hall following the renovation and make preparations for our Family Fun Day, we need help! Cupboards and wardrobes will need to be cleaned out and the contents re-sited. The car park needs several people to give it a good sweep, so if you are fit and like a good cardio work out, this might be for you! We also need to clean the hall outside windows, front, side and back. And a team to clean down our stack of folding chairs which are seriously dirty, having remained in the hall during the reno'. Once the kitchen is completed we will be able to get in with a small team to re-equip the space. Essentially we need 5 teams: car park sweep, window cleaning, folding chairs, wardrobes/cupboards and kitchen. There is more help needed with toilets and the main hall once we are fully in.. If you are good at organising, we can get started on the external stuff first, whilst we await the return of the hall. Can you help? Can you organise a team? Please let us know in the office, chat amongst your family and friends and other parishioners and let's mobilise ourselves. Thank you. Fr Shaun

FRANCIS PAUL - with sorrowful hearts we continue to pray for young Francis who died at home on 18th June. Francis was 8 years old and had been really poorly for the past two years. Francis had an enormous faith and it was his wish that he made his First Holy Communion - he did so on Saturday 17th May. As we pray for Francis, knowing that the angels are guiding him to Jesus, we pray also for Paul and Tesmi his parents and his younger sister Elsbeth who are heart broken. Paul and Tesmi wanted you to know that Francis was always grateful for your prayers during his illness - he would have wanted to thank you personally. May St Francis, Blessed Carlo Acutis and Mary the Mother of the Lord, pray for them.

THE LOURDES PRAYER BOX is out, at the back of the church, to receive your prayer requests. These intentions will then be taken to Lourdes during the Westminster Pilgrimage and placed by the grotto of Our Lady. May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

APOLOGIES - we are still without toilets, whilst the hall is under the control of the contractors.

SAVE THE DATE: SAT 19TH JULY SJF FAMILY FUN DAY 12.00 noon - 4.00pm Bar-B-Q, Ice cream Van, Bar, Music and some other things in store!

IS THERE A VOLUNTEER AT SJF who you would like to nominate for the 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards? For more information and to nominate a volunteer or volunteer team, please visit: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer-service/awards/ or you can email directly on: cvs@rcdow.org.uk. Nominations close on 31st July. You can see the poster on the notice board in the porch and flyers are also available there.

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who regularly attend Mass here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism if at all possible takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding godparents are available from the church porch table.

LITTLE CHURCH - following the Summer holidays we will be restarting Little Church, which takes place during the first part of the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We currently have 5 leaders, but we need 12! Two people working together each week, on a six week cycle. So we really do need your help . Experience is not required - we will get you started. Worryingly there has been no response so far. We will need to know soon so as to ensure leaders have their safeguarding certificates in place. If you are interested, please speak with Fr Shaun - even if you just want to know more. Let's teach our wonderful children the faith… before the world teaches them something else!

YOU ARE REALLY HELPING: 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.

DID YOU KNOW… it is now possible to make your donations and contributions stretch even further. Many parishioners know they can Gift Aid their weekly donations, through the Bank or Card Machine or by using the Blue envelope (from the back of the church) for cash. But did you know that if you have a Mass offered for your intentions, or if you sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Light - you can Gift Aid your offering. Also if you have a Holy Baptism here or are arranging to get Married at SJF your offerings/ donations can also be Gift Aided. You don't give any extra, but the Tax Office gives the church here 25p for ever pound that you donate.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:
Last weekend loose collections: £206.81.
Standing orders/online & card donations for the month of May were £952.83 per week. Whatever way you support the continuing work we do here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all the good things we do without your support.



DEO GRATIAS - THANKS BE TO GOD: Two men were ordained this Saturday to the Sacred Priesthood in Westminster Cathedral, for service in our Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers:
Fr James Boyle – posted to Welwyn Garden City
Fr Sean Power – posted to Palmers Green

ON FRIDAY 20TH JUNE, CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS issued the following response after the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons by just 23 votes:

'The vote in the House of Commons in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is a watershed moment in the history of our country. It fundamentally changes society's long held values and relationships on matters of life and death.

'The task is now clear: every effort must be made to limit the damage that will be done by this decision. This duty lies both on the House of Lords and on His Majesty's Government. The list of challenges is long. It has been well rehearsed in recent weeks by responsible bodies and distinguished individuals, including the Public Commission on Palliative and End-of-Life Care whose recommendations have yet to be discussed. The appeal to personal autonomy, so much at the centre of the Parliamentary debate, cuts both ways: the provision of a choice to die cannot exclude the provision of properly resourced care for those who choose to live until a natural death.

'As Catholics we will continue to play our part in the building of the common good. The decision of Parliament does not change our firm belief in the sanctity of life, never simply a burden, but always a gift of God, given and received. Our duties are clear: to live by the teaching given to us by God; generously to accompany with care and compassion those facing disability, isolation and suffering; to continue to put forward, with respect and clarity, the objective norms that inform our firm beliefs on how to live, and to die, well.'

Cardinal Vincent Nichols
President
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop RIP
and Mandy Mollentze RIP
May the perpetual light of
the Lord shine upon them both.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
For Francis Paul RIP

Anniversaries this coming 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, Steve Lonie.

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord