THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 13 July	**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Teresa Downey RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For the intentions of the Pepper family
Mon 14 July	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Noel Brown RIP - 3rd anniversary
Wed 16 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis Paul RIP - month's mind
Thurs 17 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Theo Morris RIP - 1st anniversary
Fri 18 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Louise Heath (nee Pepper) RIP
Sat 19 July	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday **Family Fun Day 12.00**	Mass at 10.00am	For Tadeusz Wolanski RIP
Sun ✠ 20 July	**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Nechama Argent RIP For Fr Tony O'Sullivan RIP (died in Lourdes - 28th anniversary)

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass - suspended currently
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning - suspended currently
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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We are a registered charity No: 233699
To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
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Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings:
Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 15
Psalter Week 3

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 13th July 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Newsletter



God gave Israel the Law so it could serve as an example of how to live. However as Jewish society changed from a collective of small farms to a more urban based culture, some of the laws were difficult to interpret and apply.

Many teachers and scholars placed emphasis on purity laws which did not require a farming society to carry out. But others asked what the laws really meant. So it would not be unusual for someone to question which law was the most important. And Jesus answered. Love God. Love your neighbour as yourself. But the lawyer who asks the question offers a challenge, and Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Samaritans were despised outsiders. They did not follow the law of Moses as the Jews did. Jesus turns the tables by offering one of this group as a person who is truly doing God's will. The law is meant to form us into people who truly care about each other. We can't just ignore the pain of those around us.

It is also interesting to note that the Samaritans did not always welcome Jesus either. Just one chapter earlier he was turned away by them. (Luke 9:51-56). But Jesus does not hold a grudge. He makes the Samaritan the hero of this parable anyway.

WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun. All Masses at SJF are live streamed via YouTube: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through ill health.

THANK YOU … to all who came along on Saturday morning to sweep and weed the car park, to clean the external hall windows and to clean the folding tables and chairs which have accumulated dirt over the renovation. You have been amazingly generous with your time and energy and it is much appreciated. You might have noticed also that the front of the church flower beds are looking more tidy and free from weeds. Thank you to our lovely parishioners who were out most days last week getting it all tidied up . Last but not least, thank you to our holy dusters who cleaned and polished the church this week.

NEXT SAT 19TH JULY: ST JOHN FISHER FAMILY FUN DAY 12.00noon – 4.00pm. Bar-B-Q, Face Painting, free ice cream for children from the ice cream van when it arrives at 2.00pm. Licenced pay bar and music. This Fun Day is open to all and we especially welcome those who are new or relatively new to St John Fisher - even if we share you with another parish, and you just pop in from time to time — come along, and make some new friends. If you are single come on your own or bring a friend or two, whatever way, we would love to see you. The food is free but to help us cater for the day, please pop your name on the sign up sheet by the church entrance. As this event is to celebrate the reopening of the hall we'll gather in the church at 12.00noon for the count down, the cutting of the ribbon and an opportunity to check out the refurbishment.

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. This will help us enormously with the smooth running of the Masses and for all that we do together. Thank you in advance. Enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.

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. For ease, you can take away a prayer sheet and return it completed next week. May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

O God, who by the Precious Blood of your Only Begotten Son have redeemed the whole world,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
so that, ever honouring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALLING ALL ADULTS If you are a Catholic adult but have missed out on being Confirmed, or you are a non Catholic, thinking about becoming a Catholic, a new preparation group, especially for adults will be starting later in the year. The group will be run by me (with some additional helpers) and will be tailored directly to those in the group. If this might be of interest to you, please email me at: shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk Fr Shaun.

LONDON CATHOLIC SOCIAL Group is a group for Catholic adults over 30 to meet for regular social events including walks, meals, karaoke evenings, outings, galleries and an annual Christmas meal. It is a friendly and relaxed group where you can make new friends, enjoy new experiences or just socialise. Contact them directly via Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group', you can also email here: londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com
or even more directly contact Brendan Baker on WhatsApp 07425549408'.



Following acclaimed runs at the Edinburgh Fringe and Nigeria's National Theatre in Lagos, a dynamic new musical exploring the story of St Bernadette and the Marian apparitions in Lourdes is in London and France this summer. *Vision: The Musical Story of Lourdes* brings a fresh, contemporary lens to a centuries-old tale. The production will run in London at Holy Apostles Church, Pimlico, from 11th to 13th July, before heading to Lourdes, where it will be staged at the Hotel Solitude from 24th July to 2nd August.

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.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous, towards those who live locally, who are struggling at the moment.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:
Last weekend loose collections: £291.55.Standing orders/online & card donations for the month of June were £993.33 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.

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 and drop it into the office here.

JUBILEE YEAR INFORMATION Make a Pilgrimage to a Sacred Jubilee Site. The following sites have been decreed as Jubilee Churches:
Westminster Cathedral
St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip
St Mary & St Joseph, Poplar
Corpus Christi, Covent Garden
The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City



THE CHOSEN is the first ever television drama about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see him through the eyes of those who knew him and aims to be historically and culturally accurate. It's available to view free of charge on The Chosen App. To watch on your home computer, iPad or mobile phone use this link: https://watch.thechosen.tv/
You can also watch it on Netflix, Amazon Prime or YouTube. Seasons 1 - 4 are available immediately and Season 5, recently viewed seen in cinemas, will be available later in the year. Why not watch a few episodes and see what you think?

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
the repose of the soul of Noel Brown whose anniversary of death falls at this time.
Eternal rest grant to Noel O Lord.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
For Francis Paul RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS 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