THIS WEEK AT SJF

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)
Mon 21 July	Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 22 July	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Mass at 9.30am	For Bernard and Lorna Troop (RIP) wedding anniversary
Wed 23 July	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Religious, Patron of Europe	Mass at 9.30am	For Maria Joao dos Passos RIP
Thurs 24 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For all who are receiving medical treatment at this time
Fri 25 July	ST JAMES, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For our parishioners traveling to Lourdes
Sat 26 July	Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM	Mass at 10.00am	For John Lynch RIP
Sun ✠ 27 July	**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Desmond & Moira Mulvany - blue sapphire wedding anniversary in thanksgiving

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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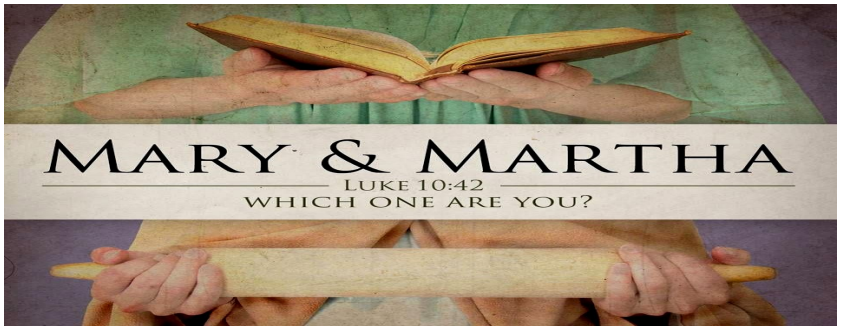
Parish Safeguarding: Mandy Howick (until appointment is made) sheppertonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
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We are a registered charity No: 233699
To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

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Weekday readings: Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 16
Psalter Week 4

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 20th July 2025
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Newsletter



Welcoming God into Our Lives

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to think about how we welcome God into our homes and our lives. The readings show us both action and listening. Abraham serves the Lord with great care. Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens. Martha tries hard to serve, but she misses the quiet moment with Jesus.

The first reading shows Abraham giving food and rest to three visitors. One of them tells him that Sarah will have a son. Abraham's welcome brings a blessing.

The second reading points to the mystery of Christ. Paul speaks of his sufferings and how they are part of his mission to reveal Christ to the world. Paul wants the community to stay rooted in this truth and grow in maturity. The mystery that was once hidden is now revealed: salvation is for all, and Christ dwells in us. This reading reminds us that even suffering has meaning, when it brings us closer to Christ.

In the Gospel, Martha works while Mary listens. Jesus says Mary made the better choice. He is not upset with Martha, but he helps her see what matters most. On this weekend, we are reminded to make space for God. Serving is good, but we also need to stop and listen, which is so hard to do in our busy lives. Being close to Jesus isn't about doing more - it's about being present, listening, and responding in love. God wants to be with us, not just through our work, but in our quiet moments too.

Take a moment to reflect. How can you welcome God into your daily life and make time to listen to him? What steps can you take to share his message with others? Happy Sunday!

WELCOME TO ST JOHN FISHER, SHEPPERTON.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, it is great to have you with us, 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.

ST JOHN FISHER FAMILY FUN DAY: Thank you to all who attended this event. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Special thanks to the amazing team who organised the event and put it all together for parishioners to enjoy. This was all in celebration of the hall renovations and we were delighted that Desmond Mulvany and Jo Bonavolonta agreed to cut the all important ribbon to officially declare the hall open. Both parishioners remember the hall as the original church on this site and saw the foundations of our current church being laid. More on this next week… and perhaps some photographs.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS. We hope to resume refreshments in the hall from this Sunday. The toilets are also open for use. Separate toilets for men and women are on the right hand side as you enter from the main outside hall door. The Accessible loo is on the left hand side. There is still some outstanding work to be completed in the Accessible toilet, please bear with us. The baby changing unit also still to be fixed but we are getting there!

LITTLE CHURCH: a big thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with Little Church. There are still spaces if anyone else would like to help with this valuable opportunity for our children.

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.

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.

LAST CHANCE: 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.

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.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORDWARD TO …
Sunday 5th October 2025 4.00pm – 6.00pm
in St. John Fisher Church. The Spelthorne Orchestra will be performing a concert for all the family to enjoy. All proceeds will go to the Church Hall Renovation and Lourdes funds. More details in September, please save the date in your diary.

YOUNG ADULTS ASSUMPTION OF MARY MINI RETREAT: with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 9th August 2025, 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes: prayer, reflection, adoration, and some social time. Donations only. You can register by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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.

GREAT NEWS… Thanks to all of our Gift Aiders, our claim for the tax year 2024/25 is £12,845.40. We will also receive another £2,000 from the small donation scheme. Gift Aid statement letters will be available for collection after all Masses this weekend. If you would like to Gift Aid or set up a standing order, forms are available at the back of church, or talk to Traci. Thanks also to everyone who helps to support SJF financially. We couldn't do what we do without you!

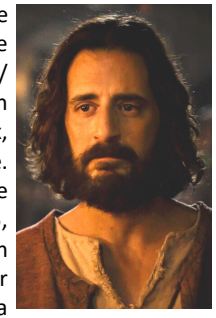
FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous, towards those who live locally, who are struggling at the moment.

DIARY DATE:
Friday 15th August
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Holy Day of Obligation: Mass at 12.00 noon only

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:
Last weekend loose collections: £240.60.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.

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 QUEEN MARY RESERVOIR CENTENARY EXHIBITION Presented by the SUNBURY & SHEPPERTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY Will take place in our church hall on Saturday 26th July from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Admission is free. More information is available from: www.sslhs.org.uk

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS will resume in September. For now, please encourage your children to use the Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals during the Mass which are available next to the regular Mass sheets, at the back of the church. Thank you.

PARISH WEB SITE: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here: Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
all who are new to our
church congregation. May this holy place
be a new spiritual home for them.

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