THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 28 July	Feria	**No Mass at SJF**	
Tue 29 July	Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus	**II**	
Wed 30 July	Feria	**Holy Rosary at 10.00am**	
Thurs 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	**II**	
Fri 01 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor	**II**	
Sat 02 Aug	The BVM on Saturday	**II** (Usual evening Vigil Mass at 5.00pm)	
Sun ✠ 03 Aug	**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Fr Peter Scott - 60th birthday celebration Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Mira Collins - for better health

Masses locally, telephone for details:

St Michael's, Ashford 01784 252230

St Anne's ,Chertsey 01932 562375

St Ignatius, Sunbury 01932 783507

Please also check church websites for any holiday updates. If you need a Priest urgently, please do contact other local Catholic Priests

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning - **but will resume in September**
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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ST JOHN FISHER SHEPPERTON

Sunday cycle Readings Year C
Weekday readings: Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 17
Psalter Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 27th July 2025
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Newsletter



First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Could the author of Genesis have come up with a better story to show the power of prayer and just how merciful God is? Here we see Abraham pleading with God, praying a beautiful prayer for mercy. Abraham's prayer shows us how close he was to God. It also shows that God always listens to our prayers. God's mercy is so great!

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
When you were Baptised, you were freed from sin and given new life through water and the Holy Spirit. It is this new life of grace that Paul speaks of today. He reminds Christians that Jesus has cancelled the "debt" of our sins by his death on the cross. Our new life is not just something for later, after we die. It begins now!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
What a wonderful scene Luke paints for us today! The disciples watch Jesus at prayer. They see how much prayer means to him. One of them gets up the nerve to ask, "Lord, will you teach us to pray?" And Jesus responds by sharing the Lord's Prayer with them. (This is a shorter version than the one we pray from Matthew 6:9-13.) Then Jesus completes his lesson on prayer by telling two parables. The first urges us to persist in prayer. The second reminds us that we do not always pray for the right things. God knows best how our prayers should be answered.

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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 last Saturday We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Special thanks to the amazing team who organised the Day 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. Below are Jo and Desmond cutting the ribbon to open the hall...







REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass: Thank you to all who have joined the rota to get things under way. All toilets and baby changing facilities are also now open for use.

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.

FR SHAUN: will celebrate this weekend's Masses and then travel to Lourdes to join with our own parishioners on the Westminster Pilgrimage. Consequently there are no weekday Masses at SJF during this coming week. Fr Shaun returns late on Friday evening to celebrate the Masses next weekend. Be assured that you will be prayed for in Lourdes and your prayer intentions have also been taken, to the shrine.





With thanks to
Ian Fortune
for the photographs.

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, are available on the porch table .

SOMETHING SPECIAL 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.

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, email: shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk Fr Shaun.





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: £273.94.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.

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)

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

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.

THE HOLY ROSARY RESUMES - For those who wish, and will be prayed in church, (usually following the Wednesday morning Mass). This Wednesday it will begin at 10.00am. If you would like to know how to pray this lovely devotion - just come along and you will be guided.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
Lorna Troop RIP &
Mandy Mollentze RIP

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