THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 04 Aug	St John Vianney, Priest	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 05 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the eternal rest of Fr Matteo Balzano RIP
Wed 06 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Fr Peter Sharp - in thanksgiving
Thurs 07 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Louise Heath RIP
Fri 08 Aug	St Dominic, Priest	Mass at 9.30am	For Paul, Tesmi & Elsbeth
Sat 09 Aug	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe	Mass at 10.00am	For Clarisse & Michael Broughton - in thanksgiving
Sun ✠ 10 Aug	**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Anne & Patrick Harris RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Gerardo Garay

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays. **Prayer Request Box:** at the back of the church.
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning - **and will resume in September .**
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
✠ **= 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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Week 18
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 3rd August 2025
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Newsletter



Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

This Sunday, Jesus tells a parable that might just make us feel a little uncomfortable. A rich man has a bumper crop and decides to build bigger barns to store it all. Sensible? Maybe. But God calls him a fool. Why? Because he forgot the one thing we all tend to overlook: you can't take it with you. There are no pockets in shrouds!

Jesus isn't against planning or saving. But he is against hoarding, especially when it blinds us to the needs of others and the brevity of life. The rich man's fatal flaw wasn't his wealth, it is his selfishness and his false sense of security.

Let's be honest: we all have our "barns." Those things we have to have more of or even a diary crammed so full that we have no time left for God or those around us. This week, Jesus invites us to do a little spiritual spring cleaning. Ask yourself:

Am I storing up treasures on earth or in heaven?

Do I own my possessions - or do they own me?

What would it look like to be "rich toward God"?

St. Paul chimes in in the 2nd reading with a reminder that our true life is "hidden with Christ in God." Translation: your real treasure isn't in your wallet, it's in your witness.

So, let's not wait for a heavenly audit. Let us live generously, love freely, and laugh often - because joy, like love, is one treasure that grows the more you give it away.

Happy Sunday!

This quick reference (QR) code will take you directly to our web page. To open, use your smartphone camera

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. 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.

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.

WELCOME BACK to parishioners who travelled to Lourdes on pilgrimage. We hope that your faith has been refreshed, you have made new friends and met up again with old ones. You have been missed!

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 FORWARD 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: £262.37 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 HAS RESUMED - For those who wish, and will be prayed in church, (usually following the Wednesday morning Mass). If you would like to know how to pray this lovely devotion - just come along and you will be guided.

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

WESTMINSTER WAY PILGRIM WALK
Available online are resources to walk the 'Westminster Way', including a Leader's Guide and Pilgrim Passport. This pathway takes pilgrims through Central London, in the steps of the saints as 'beacons of hope'. Starting at English Martyrs, Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral, pilgrims are invited to look closely at different expressions of sainthood and the saints who embody them. Find out more at:
https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *For those who are at home, for Catholics who do not receive Holy Communion and for those who are not Catholic.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, in Holy Communion, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GREENO CENTRE: This year Christmas Day at the Greeno is celebrating 35 years of Community Christmas Day Lunches. To mark this occasion we are holding a 35th Birthday Party on Sunday 21st September 3pm to 5pm at the Old School Building, New Road, Littleton TW17 0QQ. We are inviting anyone who has been involved with the lunches, whether by pledging vegetables or gifts, volunteering in the centre on the day or in the lead up to the event, or have been a volunteer driver. Also, do you have any photos of previous years' lunches, especially the early years? We would love to borrow them to put on a display of photos at the birthday party. If you wish to come along on the 21st September, or have any photos to share, please get in touch at christmasgreeno@gmail.com or call/text on 07407 491027 by 14th September.

BE FAMILIAR... with our church exit doors and routes. You may have been coming to SJF for many years or are at SJF for the first time. It's always a good idea to look around to see where your nearest exit route is, in the event that we ever need to evacuate our building at short notice. Thank you.

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.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of September. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for available dates

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Luca who will receive the wonderful sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We give thanks to Abbly and Ashton, his parents as they celebrate with their family.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
the repose of the soul
of Noel Brown RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Brian Biggins 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