THIS WEEK AT SJF

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 this Parish For Gerardo Garay RIP
Mon 11 Aug	St Clare, Virgin	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 12 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Roberto and Anita de Sousa in thanksgiving for blessings received
Wed 13 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	For Joanna and David - special intentions
Thurs 14 Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For all Christian Martyrs throughout time
Fri ✠ 15 Aug	**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**	**Mass at 12.00 noon**	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish
Sat 16 Aug	Feria	**Apologies - no morning Mass. Evening Mass as usual at 5.00pm**	
Sun ✠ 17 Aug	**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - For the people of this Parish For Andrew Boyle RIP For Margaret Gane RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: Wednesday morning
Exposition and Benediction is currently suspended but will resume on Fridays 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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle Readings Year C
Weekday readings: Year 1
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 19
Psalter Week 3

Sunday 10th August 2025
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Newsletter



First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
The most memorable event in the early history of the Israelites was their exodus from Egypt. God led them out of slavery and saved them from their enemies. Today's reading recalls God's special care and protection of the Israelites. The author sees God's people as "the holy children of the good people" who have cooperated with God's plan for salvation.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Because the Israelites believed, God saved them. Today's second reading recalls how our early faith ancestors placed their trust in God. Abraham and Sarah left their comfortable home and went to an unknown land because God called them. When God promised that they would have a son (Isaac), they were old enough to be great-grandparents. But they believed. They had the virtue of faith, a lasting confidence that God's word would be fulfilled.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48
One way Christians can prove that they are a people of faith is to live every day as though they expect Jesus to return. Today's gospel urges us to be awake and on the watch like servants awaiting the master's return home. We should be "on guard" against anyone or anything that leads us astray from Christ. Since no one knows the time when the final judgment will happen, the wise person will always be prepared for it.
Happy Sunday!

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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. 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. All toilets and baby changing facilities are also now open for use.

EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS are due out soon. To our young students who will receive their A-level, T-level, and BTEC, GCSE and other vocational results over the coming days and weeks, we hope that the grades are what you had hoped for. Remember that you are loved and supported by your family and by your church family too. Whatever your results, you are valued and we keep you in our prayers.

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.

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 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. Please save the date!

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a deeply significant feast for Catholics. It commemorates the moment when Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up into heaven - body and soul. Unlike others, she did not undergo bodily decay; instead, God brought her directly into His glory.

This beautiful event is celebrated annually on 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in the UK. Wherever you may be, you are warmly encouraged to make every effort to attend Mass on this day. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, we honour Mary not only as the Mother of Jesus but also as a model of faith and discipleship. Her unique role in salvation history reminds us of the hope we have in Christ and the promise of eternal life.

Although the Assumption is not explicitly described in Scripture, it is a belief rooted in centuries of tradition and theological reflection. In 1950, Pope Pius XII formally defined it as a dogma (teaching) of the Church, affirming its place as a core tenet of our faith.

This wonderful Solemnity offers us hope and encouragement. Just as Mary was assumed into heaven, we too are called to live in faith, trusting in God's promise of salvation and eternal life for us. We look forward to celebrating Mass for the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, here on Friday 15th at 12.00 noon.

ASSISTED SUICIDE UPDATE! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. **Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!**

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.

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.

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: £223.62. 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
This will be the only Mass at SJF on this day.

THE HOLY ROSARY for those who wish will be prayed in church on Wednesday mornings - see back page for details. If you would like to know how to pray this lovely devotion - just come along and you will be guided. You will be most welcome.

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

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

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for
all who dedicate their lives to medical research
Deo Gratias - Thanks be to God!

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
MARGARET GANE RIP & 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