THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 19 July	**16th Sunday in ordinary time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Nechama Argent RIP - anniversary For Bob & Bridget Keating RIP - 10th anniversary of Bob's death
Mon 20 July	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 21 July	Feria	No Mass today **Knit & Natter - hall 1-3pm**	
Wed 22 July	ST MARY MAGDALENE	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Thurs 23 July	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	Mass at 9.30am	*For Anthony Fernandes RIP
Fri 24 July	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For Patrick Mulvany RIP
Sat 25 July	ST JAMES, Apostle	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00noon**	For Paul Bahoshy RIP
Sun ✠ 26 July	**17th Sunday in ordinary time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Maria Mascarenhas RIP *For the intentions of Bosco Fernandes

Mass intentions with *are offered for parishioners at St George, Sudbury - with our thanks

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION follows Mass on Fridays.
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
PRAYER REQUEST BOX: at the back of the church.

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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 19th July 2026
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

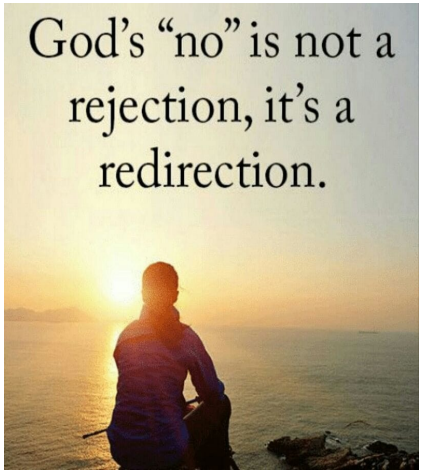


This Sunday's Gospel takes us outdoors. Jesus points to a field of wheat and weeds and uses it to reveal something about God's patient love. While we may be eager to sort everything out at once, God sees the bigger picture.

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the servants are eager to pull out the unwanted plants immediately. However, the master urges patience, warning that in uprooting the weeds they could also damage the wheat.

It is a lesson that speaks directly to our lives. We can be quick to judge. We so often want instant solutions and immediate results. Yet God works differently. He is patient, merciful, and confident in the power of goodness to grow and flourish.

The Gospel reminds us that Christian life is not about becoming perfect overnight. It is about allowing God to nurture the good within us day by day. His grace is quietly at work, even when progress seems slow or hidden from view.



So, as we enjoy these summer days, perhaps we can learn something from the patient gardener: to be gentler with ourselves, more understanding of others, and more trusting of God's timing. It is God who is in charge! May we be open this week to the patient and loving work of the Lord in our hearts. Happy Sunday !

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF it is great to have you with us here today. Just so that you know**,** Masses at SJF are live streamed via YouTube. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a valuable link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through distance or ill health.

PARISHIONERS from St John Fisher parish are now on Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. They have travelled together with 900 others from our diocese. Your prayer petitions have been taken to the Grotto and you will be prayed for. You can see live television pictures from the Grotto In Lourdes by visiting: TV LOURDES (lourdes-france.org) Parishioners will return on Friday 24th July. May St Bernadette, pray for us. May Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Solange Hughes who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last Wednesday - a truly joyful witness of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We send Peter and Solange our heartfelt good wishes and prayers. *Ad multos annos* (many more years).

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.

A DATE TO REMEMBER - WHEREVER YOU MAY BE… Sunday 16th August is the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As with all Sundays, this is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Wherever you may be, please celebrate, by attending Mass. Masses here at SJF will be at the usual times: 5.00pm Sat Eve Vigil Mass for Sunday and Sunday morning at 8.30am and 10.30am. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be welcoming Spelthorne Orchestra for another Concert on Sunday 11th October 4.00—6.00pm in the Church with refreshments in the hall beforehand and in the interval. More information coming soon.

SO THAT YOU KNOW… there will be no morning Mass at 9.30am this coming Tuesday 21st July. All other Masses are as usual.

LITTLE CHURCH WILL TAKE A SUMMER BREAK after this Sunday and will return on Sunday 6th September. Children's activity sheets will still be available every week at the back of the church. We wish all our children & young people and their families, happy school holidays-stay safe have fun!

HEADS UP: the next ***Coffee Connections*** morning will be next Thursday 30th June, in the hall 10.00am – 12noon. Come and enjoy some freshly brewed coffee (or tea). All are very welcome.

DING DONG! Can anyone fit a new electric doorbell to the Presbytery door? Do see Fr Shaun!

WE WILL BE RUNNING a new programme in late Autumn for adults who would like to become Catholics, including those who are already Catholic, but have not yet made their Holy Confirmation. This is a very relaxed programme, there are no tests and absolutely no experience of Catholicism is necessary… just an open heart! The programme will run on Thursday evenings in the church hall. More details will follow in September, so watch this space and have a think about it.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY:
Admission to Year 7 in 2027. Open Mornings Thursday 24th Sept, 1st Oct and 8th Oct. Tours from 8.45am, 9.00 and 9.15am *Please note that tour bookings are NOT required.* **Open Evening** Thursday 24th Sept from 5.30pm - 7.30pm Headteacher Evening Address 5.45pm and 6.30pm. **Sixth Form Open Evening Admission to Year 12 in 2027.** Wed 30th Sept from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Rosary Prayers are offered on Wednesday mornings**.**

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. This is a good deed done. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank. Many, many thanks.

OUT AND ABOUT ON SUNDAY? Did you know that you can still keep your Sunday obligation by joining us for the Vigil Mass (which anticipates Sunday) on Saturday evening at 5.00pm. It would be great to have you with us - you are part of our parish family and you are missed when you are not here.

DARE TO BE MOVED! *The Veil Removed* is a free, short 5 minute film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth each time the Holy Mass is celebrated: as seen by saints and mystics revealed by scripture and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To view, go online to: https://theveilremoved.com or ctrl + click this link if you are reading this online: The Veil Removed

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament beginning the great adventure of faith for our youngsters. We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information including the requirements for Catholic 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.

YOUR KIND OFFERINGS support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF with your donations, we are very grateful. The loose collection last weekend was £284.78 the previous weekend was £316.21 (excluding online/card donations)
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online for the month of June averaged £1050.83. Thank you! As always, you are brilliant!

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP is a very special thing to do for a departed loved one or for a particular intention. The cost is just £5 for the whole week. Please contact Mandy in the Parish Office for available dates.

HOLY COMMUNION may be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make a throne and hands raised up, near to the priest, will avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus but the Body of Christ in Sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is both a beautiful and holy moment with the Lord himself. If you are not a Catholic, or you are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing instead - just place your hands across your chest.

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER? Welcome - it's great to have you with us. If you feel ready to complete a Parish Registration Form, you can find it at the back of the church - or just ask!

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PLEASE switch off your phone
and switch on to the LORD
and see the possibilities he has in mind for you!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop and Mandy Mollentze.
May they rest in peace.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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,
Brian Biggins, Michele Windle.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD