THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 02 Aug	**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Leonard Lanning RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Patrick Cronin RIP
Mon 03 Aug	Feria	No Mass	**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***
Tue 04 Aug	St John Vianney, Priest	No Mass **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	
Wed 05 Aug	Feria	No Mass **Holy Rosary at 10.00**	
Thurs 06 Aug	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	No Mass	
Fri 07 Aug	Feria	No Mass	
Sat 08 Aug	St Dominic, Priest	No morning Mass today	
Sun ✠ 09 Aug	**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Anne and Patrick Harris RIP For Moira Woods - Birthday Intentions Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning at 10.00am.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION follows Mass on Fridays**. (Suspended during August)**
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 2ND AUGUST 2026
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



This Sunday's Gospel presents one of the most loved miracles of Jesus: the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14:13-21). Faced with a hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish, the disciples see scarcity, but Jesus sees endless possibility. Taking what is offered, Jesus blesses it, breaks it, and shares it, and everyone is fed with more than enough left over.

The readings this weekend remind us of God's abundant generosity. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord invites all who thirst and hunger to come freely to him.
St Paul assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Together, these readings proclaim a powerful message: God provides, God nourishes, and God never abandons his people.

In a world that often focuses on what is lacking, Jesus encourages us to place whatever we have in his hands. Even if our gifts seem small, our resources limited, or our efforts insignificant, God can use them to bring blessing and hope to others.

As we gather for the Eucharist, we encounter the same Lord who fed the crowd beside the lake. He continues to feed us with his Word and his precious Body and Blood in Holy Communion. This strengthens us to share his love with those around us. May we trust more deeply in the Lord's providence and be generous in serving the needs of our families, parish, and community.

Happy Sunday!

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF it is great to have you with us here today. If you are visiting or have recently moved to the area welcome! Just so that you know**,** Masses here are live streamed via YouTube, offering a valuable link with SJF for those who are incapacitated through distance or ill health.

FR SHAUN is on annual leave this week. We welcome this weekend Fr Marco Villani SDB, Chaplain to the Salesian School in Chertsey. who will celebrate the Masses for us this weekend. Please do make him feel welcome! And just so you know, the weekday Masses are suspended whilst Fr Shaun is away. Sunday Masses including the Sat Eve Vigil Mass are as normal. The Holy Rosary is on Wed at 10.00am.

HOLY WATER FROM LOURDES is now available from the water dispenser next, to the statue of St John Fisher. Please make sure the tap is fully turned off after use. If you need help just ask. Many thanks to Paul Lavery for transporting the holy water back from Lourdes. May Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette pray for us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! If you are preparing to go away, we wish you a safe journey and a restful break. Enjoy your time away and may God's speed be with you on your return.

REFRESHMENTS are available after the 10.30am Sunday Mass: in the church Hall. Thank you to all who are on our refreshments rota, you make a great difference to the hospitality we offer at SJF. Toilets and baby changing facilities are also available in the hall.

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 loved and valued, and we continue to keep you in our prayers.

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.

HEADS UP: the next ***Coffee Connections*** morning will be on Thursday 27th August, in the hall 10.00am – 12noon. Come and enjoy some freshly ground coffee (or tea). All are very welcome.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH ARE ON THEIR SUMMER BREAK … but will return on Sunday 6th September. Children's activity sheets and children's Mass cards are 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 and remember, Jesus loves you!

CONGRATULATIONS if you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, either here or elsewhere, in the near future. The diocese requires six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. Clergy deal with large amounts of paperwork for couples, so it is important that proper notice is given. Please note that if you are intending to marry abroad, many countries require Catholics to have received all three Initiation Sacraments before agreeing to marry. i.e. Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation. Marriage preparation courses are obligatory for Catholic marriage, but are a great way to get to know your other half even more! Courses are run throughout the diocese. For more details go to:
Marriage and Family Life - Diocese of Westminster (rcdow.org.uk)

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: 8.30am & 10.30am.

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**.**

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? a new programme will begin in late Autumn for adults who would like to become Catholics and be received into the church at Easter. But don't miss out… if you are a Catholic but have not made your Confirmation or First Holy Communion - this programme is for you as well. This is a very relaxed series of sessions, 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.
P.S. If you are a fully fledged Catholic and you want to learn a little more about your faith, you are welcome to come along as well - just let us know.

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

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.

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.

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!

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 £370.23 the previous weekend was £313.42 (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!

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.

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the souls of
Noel and Pat Brown.
May they rest in peace.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
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, Margaret Gane.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD