THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 10 Aug	ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr	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 11 Aug	St Clare, Virgin	No Mass **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	
Wed 12 Aug	Feria	No Mass **Holy Rosary at 10.00**	
Thurs 13 Aug	Feria	No Mass	
Fri 14 Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	No Mass	
Sat 15 Aug	Feria	No morning Mass today	
Sun ✠ 16 Aug	**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	*For Joseph Robert RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Peter Johnstone RIP

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

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 9TH AUGUST 2026
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter



The readings for this Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to recognise God's presence and trust his guidance, even in times of uncertainty and fear.

Elijah, weary and discouraged, encounters the Lord not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a gentle whisper. In the Gospel, the disciples are battered by the storm until Jesus comes to them across the water. Peter's courageous step of faith becomes faltering when he takes his eyes off the Lord, yet Jesus immediately reaches out to save him.

St Paul, meanwhile, expresses his deep love and concern for his own people, reminding us of the call to carry others in prayer.

These readings encourage us to listen for God's quiet voice amid the noise of daily life and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus when life's storms threaten to overwhelm us. As we gather for the Holy Mass, may we grow in faith and confidence, trusting that the Lord is always near, saying to us: "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."



Happy Sunday!

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF it is great to have you with us here today. If you are visiting whilst on holiday 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 until next Saturday. We welcome this weekend Fr Brian O'Mahony, who will celebrate the Masses for us this weekend. Fr Brian is the Dean of Studies at Allen Hall Seminary. Please do make him feel welcome! And just so you know, the weekday Masses are suspended this week 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.

NEXT WEEKEND: 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 usually 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 the Holy Scriptures, 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, **NEXT WEEKEND** at the usual Sunday Mass times: 5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday and on Sunday morning at 8.30am and 10.30am

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.

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!

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**.**

MARY'S MEALS is inviting you to join its one-day London pilgrimage. Starting at Westminster Cathedral you will walk alongside the River Thames into the City ending by St Paul's Cathedral. For more information and to sign up please visit https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope

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.

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

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.

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 £253.86 the previous weekend was £370.23 (excluding online/card donations)
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online for the month of July averaged £1025.83. Thank you! As always, you are brilliant!

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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 both 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