THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 23 Aug	**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	*For the intentions of Bosco Fernandes For Helen Diekmann RIP - 3rd anniversary Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish
Mon 24 Aug	St Bartholomew, Apostle	No Mass today	
Tue 25 Aug	Feria	No Mass today **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	
Wed 26 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Thurs 27 Aug	St Monica	Mass at 9.30am **Coffee Connections in the hall, 10.00 - 12.00**	For Elsbeth— celebrating her 6th birthday
Fri 28 Aug	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sat 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00noon**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 30 Aug	**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Angela Grittani RIP & Vincenzo Gobeo RIP Pro Populo - for the people of this Parish For Margaret O'Shea RIP

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**. (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.

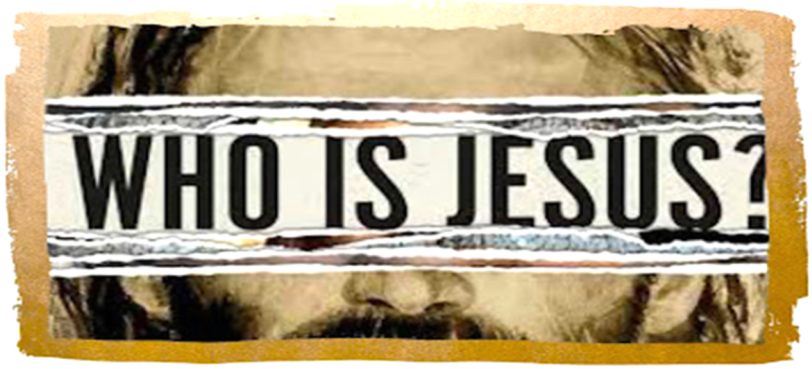
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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 21 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 1

Sunday 23rd August 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Weekly Newsletter

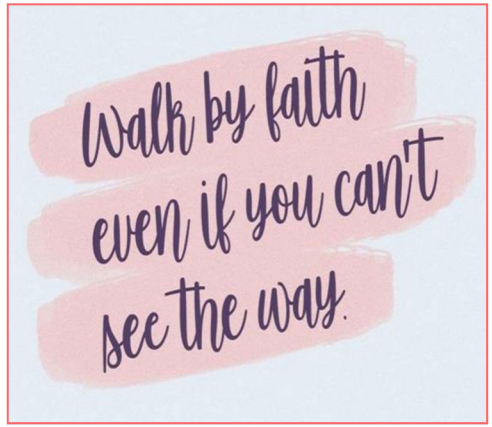


Jesus poses a really great question for us today: "Who do you say that I am?" The Gospel passage today invites each of us to reflect on our own answer to Jesus' question.

Faith is not simply about what others say about Jesus or what we have learned over the years. It is about a living relationship with him in our daily lives, at home, at work, at school, and within our parish community.

The good news is that Jesus meets us where we are. We do not need perfect faith; we simply need open hearts. Like Peter, we may sometimes feel strong and confident, and at other times uncertain and weak. Yet God continues to call us, guide us, and build his Church through ordinary people who trust in him.

As summer continues and we look ahead to the weeks before us, let us take time to recognise the many blessings God has given us: family, friends, our parish community, and the gift of faith. Every act of kindness, every prayer offered, and every helping hand extended to a neighbour helps to make Jesus more present in the world.



Listen again for the voice of Jesus and respond with faith, joy, and trust.

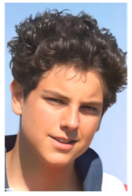
Happy Sunday!

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.

BELATED, BUT ENORMOUS THANKS to all our Sacristans and to Mandy and Flora in the office and to others who assisted with additional work during my fortnight away on annual leave. You are greatly appreciated. Fr Shaun.

THE NEXT *Coffee Connections* morning is this coming Thursday 27th August, in the hall 10.00am – 12noon. Come and enjoy some freshly brewed coffee (or tea). All are very welcome and it's free of charge.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Amber and Tiberius who have recently become engaged to be married. This year has been a momentous one for them. Having received their catechesis here, they were both Baptised and Received into the Church at Easter by the Holy Father in Rome. Please do keep them in your prayers.



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS: EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES will be held at Christ the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Weybridge**,** 25th August until 3rd September. All are very welcome!

STILL AVAILABLE: HOLY WATER FROM LOURDES 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.

KEEP A WATCH OUT… registration details and dates for the next First Holy Communion programme - Class of 2027 are coming soon!

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.

SO THAT YOU KNOW… there will be no morning Mass at 9.30am this coming Tuesday 25th August. All other Masses are as usual.

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 ticket information coming soon.

ANOTHER DATE - THE NEXT *BEETLE DRIVE* will be held in the hall on Friday 6th November. We are also planning a ***RACE NIGHT*** - date to be confirmed.

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

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED... Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. *Right To Life UK* has launched an *Easy Action* tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons. Your voice matters. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: **https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote**

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!

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.

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.

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.

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 £220.24 the previous weekend was £289.24 (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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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.

EXAMINATION RESULTS: To our young people who have received examination results recently, we hope that these were all you had hoped for. Remember that you are loved and supported by your families and our church family here too, regardless of your results.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for Margaret Taylor

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