THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 17 Aug	Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 18 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1 -3**	For David Andrews RIP
Wed 19 Aug	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For a private intention
Thurs 20 Aug	St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	*For Geraldine Golden — for a speedy recovery
Fri 21 Aug	St Pius X, Pope	Mass at 9.30am	For Paul Bahoshy RIP
Sat 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 10.00am	For Francisco Xavier De Melo RIP 1st anniversary
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

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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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Ordinary Time
Wk 20 - Yr 2
Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 4

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Weekly Newsletter



The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

MAY OUR BLESSED MOTHER PRAY FOR US

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.

THIS SUNDAY the Church honours Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She was assumed, or taken up bodily, into heaven at her death. Truly God has taken her into "the special place" he had prepared for her from all eternity. Her rising is a preview of our own rising, body and soul, into eternal happiness with Jesus. May Holy Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us.

Collect for the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen

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.

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.

EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS. To our young students who have received their A-level, T-level and BTEC results and to those still waiting for GCSE results, 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 Thursday 27th August, in the hall 10.00am – 12noon. Come and enjoy some freshly brewed 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!

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.

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.

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

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 £289.24. The previous weekend was £253.86 (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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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.

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!

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.

CAR PARKING: The roads around the church can get very congested at the weekend Masses, especially at the 10.30am Mass. If you are driving to Mass, please consider using our free car park, at the rear of the church hall. This will help our neighbours who need to get in and out and will help with the congestion too. Thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the soul of
Barbara Hobbs
May she 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