

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH AUGUST & 23RD AUGUST 2026

To speak with Fr Marco: please email, call, or drop-in on Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm :)

Baptisms: Please pick up a form after any Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: usually on Fridays at 5.30pm & Saturdays at 9am.

Rosary: every Tuesday–Thursday at 8.40am.

Confessions: Fri 6pm, Sat 9am & 6pm, Sun 9am and at any time on request.

For PARISH HALL HIRING: contact Mrs Cathy O'Toole – 07506 358587 (Mon–Fri, 10am–5pm)

The Parish operates in accordance with statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. As well as our Parish Safeguarding Representative, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 2306240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

	Date	Time	Event
SAT	15	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Ken Brown; Margaret Harkins RIP
SUNDAY	16 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Frank Michael; Expedito Rey RIP; Noreen & Damien Loonam Holy Mass – Bridget & Hughie Owens; Sister Rose Ita
MON	17	6.30pm	Holy Mass – Pro Populo
TUE	18	9am	Holy Mass – Mr Varghese RIP; Seamus Daniel Corcoran; Margaret Ann McDonagh
WEDS	19 ST JOHN EUDES, PRIEST	9am	Holy Mass – Paddy Ring Jr RIP; Jerome
THURS	20 ST BERNARD, ABBOT		No Mass
FRI	21 ST PIUS X, POPE		No Mass
SAT	22 QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9am 6.30pm	No Mass or Confession Holy Mass – Jim Faddan & Michael McNamara; John Joseph Reynolds 40th Anniv.
SUNDAY	23 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – James Butler; Mary Patricia Smith RIP Holy Mass – Richard Donnelly RIP
MON	24 ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE		No Mass
TUE	25 ST LOUIS		No Mass
WEDS	26 FEAST OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI		No Mass
THURS	27 ST MONICA		No Mass
FRI	28 ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	5.30pm 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass – Cleatus Gomez RIP; Pearl, Haydn & Linda Morgan RIP
SAT	29 MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARTYR	9am 10am 6.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions & Benediction Holy Mass – Pro Populo Holy Mass – Mathew Jones; Margaret Harkins RIP; Pat Smith
SUNDAY	30 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Myles Breen; Holy Souls in Purgatory Holy Mass – Deacon Gerry O'Reilly RIP, Mr & Mrs Kidney Anniv. Please pray for Simon who will be baptised after Mass today.

Retiring Collections 16th August : Church Flowers

Parish Collection 02/08/26: GAD £210 Loose £451.05 Total £661.05
09/08/26: GAD £337 Loose £367.30 Total £704.30

OUR HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For Evangelization in the City – Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity & loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Catholic parish!

If you are new to St John Fisher or visiting us this weekend, a very warm welcome to you! Please make yourself known to our welcomers and stay for refreshments in the parish centre after the 9.30am or 11.30am Sunday Mass if you are able!

Regular Notices

Drop-in Sessions: Tuesdays 3.30-5.30pm in the presbytery, to speak with Fr Marco about any issue. (Nb. there will be no drop-in on 25/8)

Cuppa & a Chat: on Mondays in the parish centre, 12noon – 2pm. Lifts available and all are welcome!

Rollers and Strollers: Meet every Friday at 10am in the parish car park for a walk. For more details, see the poster in the narthex.

Crafty Fishers: will pause for the summer!

Know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Please speak to Fr Marco for more information.

WhatsApp Community: Please scan the QR code in the narthex to join our WhatsApp Community to be informed of latest parish events and news, and to get involved in any of our groups!

Gospel Fire : The Word of God is a guide for our daily lives. Join our WhatsApp group to receive one chapter of the New Testament a day, finishing by end of 2026.

Someone in need? Call the SVP! We are very blessed to have an active SVP Group here who help all parishioners in need of a personal visit or support of any kind. The parish SVP group can be contacted at anytime by phone on 07774 842943 or email sifcovsvp@gmail.com. Membership enquiries also welcome!

Recent News

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) Appeal: Thank you for your amazing generosity to the FHL Appeal which raised a whopping £1485 for persecuted Christians in the Middle East! We thank Brendan who came to speak to us and whose words touched many hearts. For more information on their work, please visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: on Sun 6 Sept 2026; Harvington Hall is a picturesque moated medieval manor house near Kidderminster known for its numerous priests' hiding holes used during the Catholic persecution in England. The coach will leave church at 11am and the return journey will begin at 5pm, the cost is £15. Bring your own chair and picnic for this outdoor event. Places are limited, please sign-up on the list at the back of church or see Sue O, Cath Mc, or Cathy O.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I pray that you and your families are keeping well! This Sunday we celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven (16th Aug) and next Sunday we celebrate the gift of St Peter and his successors – the popes – as the lead shepherds of the Church. These celebrations give us cause to give much thanks to God that he chooses to members of the human race to carry out his loving plan of Salvation. As we contemplate Our Lady rising up to Heaven, we thank God that he has given us such a beautiful Mother and powerful intercessor to pray for us in Heaven. As we consider the gift of our Holy Fathers, the Popes, we thank God that we have had so many good shepherds to guide us through the challenges of human history, especially our recent popes St Paul VI, St John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. These are reminders that although God is all-powerful, he loves to involve human beings in his loving purpose of redemption. Despite our sins and weaknesses, God still believes in us, trusts us and gives us much responsibility to help build his Kingdom on Earth. Because of our weakness, we also need rest, and I myself will be going to a gathering of priests in County Meath in Ireland for some rest and priestly fraternity. Many thanks to Frs Tony and Reginald for covering the Sunday Masses ☺ GB! *Fr Marco*

8-DAY CANDLES (£5)

Shrine	This Week (16 th August)	Next Week (23 rd August)
Sacred Heart	Mary O'Rielly RIP	Tom Taylor RIP
Our Lady's	-	-
St Joseph's	Nishal	-
St Anthony's	John & Michael	-

We remember and pray for all those who have died recently:

Marjorie Lynott (1/9 at 11am)

and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for those who are sick – Elaine Watkins, Arthur & Bernadette Watkins, Derek Coyle, Kristy Ward, Cathy O'Toole, Daryl Talbot, Robert Freeman, Kathleen Freeman, John McCann, Aneta Luc-Kocur, Cathy Grant, Ian Connell, Margaret Buckley, James Lockyton, Winefride Dorrington, Jean Flannigan

Testimony Night: many thanks to Ello who is planning a Testimony night involving food, fellowship, and the opportunity to hear some of the personal faith journeys in our parish. The date is provisionally set for 7.30pm on Sat 21st Nov, please keep the date free!

Altar Servers' BBQ: Many thanks to Sandie, Kim, Dulce and all those involved in organising our BBQ for altar servers, and for their wonderful parents! We are very blessed with our altar servers and their families, let us pray that they will continue to be faithful disciples of our Lord. 

Roof Update: we are currently applying for approval from the archdiocese for the quote received, please pray that we can commence this work as soon as possible! We are still short of the required funds but we are hoping to secure some interest-free loans from other parishes.

Catholic Bibles: we have Catholic Bibles available for sale from the piety stall, if interested please speak to Cathy at the back of church.

Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis: we are very blessed to have Anna Johnston visiting who will bring a first-class relic of St Carlo Acutis which we will venerate on the evening of Thurs 17th Sept after a 7pm Mass. This will also be accompanied by our 40 hours devotion as inspired by St Carlo's devotion to the Eucharist and back by popular demand! Sign-up lists will go up in church at the end of the month.

Outside the Parish

Short and Long Catholic Theology Courses: a range of different online courses are offered at www.lux-edu.com and www.claritas-st.com.

March4Life 2026: Please join us in a peaceful, joyful March in London on Saturday 5th Sept – celebrating life and challenging abortion. Two months ago abortion in the home, up to birth, was decriminalised. Around 1,000 unborn babies are legally killed every day in our country. Please join one of the few ways we can peacefully challenge all this – and the suffering it causes to every family. Coach leaves from Corpus Christi CV3 2QP at 9am, after 8.30am Mass, and returns about 7.30pm. £20 adults, £10 children. Call 07912 643626 to book a seat.

Catholic Retreats: needing a break and a spiritual recharge? A Catholic retreat is a great way to do this. A number of retreats are running at the Thornycroft Conference Centre near Macclesfield run by Opus Dei which promotes the message of St Josemaria Escriva, to seek holiness in everyday life. Dates for women are 1-4 Oct and 3-6 Dec; for men 19-22 Nov and 26-29 Nov. Speak to Fr Marco to find out more.

'Scams Unmasked': is a new book written by Ashford Menezes (a parishioner at St Thomas More's) which follows 7 ordinary people drawn into situations that feel believable, personal and difficult to question in the moment. Copies are available in the piety stall. Priced at £10 with a percentage of sales to the church. Visit the piety stalls to buy a copy.

Recent & Upcoming Events

Fish 'n' Chips with Quiz Night: Sat 5 Sept at 7pm, tickets are now available for sale after the Sunday Masses!

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: 11am on Sun 6 Sept, sign-up list now available in the porch, please see above for more details.

Visit of the Relics of St Carlo Acutis: Thurs 17/9 (see above).

Children's Disco: Fri 25th Sept. Please see poster for more details.

The Alpha Course: is postponed! This is because in our local cluster of parishes we have decided to do a joint **Journey in Faith** course starting in October. This is an opportunity to understand our Catholic faith better and is open to non-Catholics and Catholics alike. Please look out for more details.