

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH JULY & 26TH JULY 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	18	6.30pm	Holy Mass – In Thanksgiving to St Anthony & St John Fisher
SUNDAY	19 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Mary O'Rielly RIP; Phyllis Scanlon RIP; Maureen & John Quigley RIP Holy Mass – Eileen Cahill <i>Please pray for Emory who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>
MON	20 ST APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR	6pm	Holy Mass – Private intrn
TUE	21 ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, DOCTOR	9am 7pm	Holy Mass – Oliver; Alfred & Helen Wilson <i>Parish pastoral council (PPC) meeting</i>
WEDS	22 FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE	9am	Holy Mass – Baby Brody Henson
THURS	23 ST BRIDGET, PATRON OF EUROPE	9am	Holy Mass – Manuel Marques 65th B'day
FRI	24 ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF	12.30pm 5.30pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass of the late Sally Wynne <i>Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> Holy Mass – John The Baptist Lam
SAT	25 ST JAMES, APOSTLE (& ST CHRISTOPHER)	9am 10am 10.30am 6.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions & Benediction</i> Holy Mass – Pro Populo <i>Blessing of Cars</i> Holy Mass – Danny & Mary McInerney; Dolly Sharkey RIP
SUNDAY	26 SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Geraldine & Peter Keane Holy Mass – Vincent Quinn
MON	27	6.30pm	Holy Mass – In Thanksgiving
TUE	28	9am	Holy Mass – Pat Smith; John The Baptist Lam
WEDS	29 - SS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS	9am	Holy Mass – Pro Populo
THURS	30 - ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP	9am	Holy Mass – Pat Hastings
FRI	31 ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	1pm 5.30pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass of the late Brian Keenan <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions</i> Holy Mass – Iris Bryan
SAT	1 ST ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI	9am 6.30pm	<i>No Confessions or Holy Mass</i> Holy Mass – Dennis McInerney; Eamon & Margette; May Simon
SUNDAY	2 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.30am	Holy Mass – Amaya Braganca Holy Mass – Bill & Bridie Cantillon RIP <i>Please pray for Katherine who will be baptised after Mass today.</i>

Retiring Collections 26th July: Church decorations
 2nd August: Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)

Parish Collection 05/7/26: GAD £272 Loose £520 Total £792
 12/7/26: GAD £329 Loose £275 Total £604.80

OUR HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JULY: For respect for Human Life –

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Welcome to St John Fisher

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.

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 sjfcovsvp@gmail.com. Membership enquiries also welcome!

Recent News

Science and Faith Group: Meets on Mon 20th July at 7.15pm in the parish hall to discuss Pope Leo's latest encyclical on Artificial Intelligence. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council: Meets Tues 21st July at 7pm in the parish hall, including updates on the roof. All are welcome!

Church decorations: Many thanks to all those involved in arranging our beautiful flowers and decorating the church. Many thanks too for the recent donations of a tabernacle veil and candlesticks, as well as masonry paint for the fascias outside. As July is the month of the Precious Blood we will keep up the red and white drapes until the end of this month. We have a retiring collection for church decorations 25/26 July, many thanks for the great generosity shown by so many!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I pray you have been well and enjoying the lovely balanced weather we have been having – not too hot and not too cold! The Gospel of the 16th Sunday in OT reminds us that God *invests in us*. He is the **Loving Sower** who never ceases to shower us with his graces. Our soil may not always be in the best condition, but Jesus continues sowing nonetheless, patiently waiting for us to bear fruit when the time is right. However we can't expect Jesus to do everything for us. The Gospel of the 17th Sunday in OT reminds us that we too have to be single-minded in seeking God, like **a merchant searching for a fine pearl**. Our relationship with God is thus **the story of two desires**: God's Desire for me, and my desire for God. God's Desire for me is constant, relentless, unconditional, never-tiring, He will never give up looking for me and seeking me out until I belong completely to Him. And my desire for God... what does that look like? Half-hearted, lukewarm, temperamental...? Lord, help me to seek you as ardently as you seek me - Amen! *Fr Marco*

8-DAY CANDLES (£5)

Shrine	This Week (19 th July)	Next Week (26 th July)
Sacred Heart	Eileen Cahill	Bryan Keenan RIP
Our Lady's	Bryan Keenan RIP	Pat O'Donnell
St Joseph's	Phyllis Scanlon	Luise
St Anthony's	James Scanlon	Keenan Families

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

Sally Wynne (24/7 at 12.30pm), **Brian Keenan** (31/7 at 1pm),

Darren Watkins (5/8 at 1.30pm) and **Deacon Gerry O'Reilly**

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.*

Recent & Upcoming Events

Fish 'n' Chips with Quiz Night: Sat 5 Sept at 7pm, more details and ticket sales to follow.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall: on Sun 6 Sept 2026, Harvington Hall is a picturesque moated medieval manor house known for its numerous priests' hiding holes during the Catholic persecution in England. Details TBC but we are hoping to organise a coach from SJF. Keep an eye out for more details!

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

The Alpha Course: following the successful Alpha course in St Patrick's parish we are very happy to host the next one here at SJF. Set time aside for this transformational course that helps develop a personal relationship with Christ. Starting Thursdays at 7pm on 15 Oct (tbc) for 12 weeks.

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

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 our primary schools and bringing with her a first-class relic of St Carlo Acutis which we will venerate on the evening of Thurs 17th Sept after a 7pm Mass. We ask St Carlo to intercede for us, our families, our parish, and especially our young people, that like him we may develop a deep and strong love for the Gospel and the Eucharist.

SVP Foodbank: Thank you to all those who contribute to the foodbank! More items are needed please, especially UHT long-life milk, cereal, rice, instant mash potato, tinned tomatoes, and jam. Many thanks!

Outside the Parish

WeBelieve Festival of Catholic Life 2026: Friday 24th – Monday 27th July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. The WeBelieve Festival aims to bring the Church in England & Wales together. It's an unmissable opportunity to connect with other Catholics, 100s of contributors, and has something for every age and stage of the faith journey. Join with a 33% discount on day tickets using the code 'BIRMINGHAM-DISCOUNT' at checkout. Book your tickets at www.webelievefestival.com.

Certificate in Catechesis: a two-year distance-learning course giving a solid grounding in Catholic Theology. Also suitable for anyone wanting to get involved in catechesis. Cost is £495 per year with bursaries available. For more info visit <https://www.lighttofruth.uk/certificate> or speak to Fr Marco if interested.

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.