

# SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

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## Today We Celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle C: P.850 (new missal), P.667 (old)

**Responsorial psalm:** On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

## The celebrations of Mass and Mass intentions for the coming week:

|              |         |  |
|--------------|---------|--|
| Sat 24 July  | 6.30pm  | Vera Tomkins   |
| Sun 25 July  | 9.00am  | George Nelson : Deceased Davey family : Frank Murray : Joan Kelley : Jack Davies |
|              | 11.00am | Spec Int (Abbotts family) : Bill Bifield   |
|              | 5.30pm  | Spec Int (People of the Parish)  |
| Mon 26 July  | 9.00am  | Elizabeth Cousins : Spec Int (Margaret Meogh)                                    |
| Tues 27 July | 9.00am  | Martin Tarn : Eileen Lawlee  |
| Wed 28 July  | 9.00am  | Martin Stanbridge : Margaret Henvey  |
| Thur 29 July | 9.00am  | John Pethullis : Margaret McGuigan   |
| Fri 30 July  | 9.00am  | Paddy Ring : Pat Hastings  |
| Sat 31 July  | 10.00am | Ints of Ann O'Reilly & family  |
|              | 6.30pm  | Thanksgiving – Guardian Angels & Holy Spirit                                     |
| Sun 1 Aug    | 9.00am  | Spec Int (Kevin) : Deceased Mahon family   |
|              | 11.00am | Frank Purcell  |
|              | 5.30pm  | Norman & Mary Turnbull   |

**Second Collection**  
***THIS week for***  
***Day for Life***

| Date        | Time    | Reader          | Eucharistic Minister                                 |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Sat 24 July | 6.30pm  | Trevino Alfonso | Martine Essex, William Toal, Frank Byrne             |
| Sun 25 July | 9.00am  | Pat O'Donnell   | Sally MacCormack, Tony Wilson, Chris Grimes          |
|             | 11.00am | Sarah Shearer   | Christina Abbotts, Marion Tuson, Lorraine Gregory    |
|             | 5.30pm  | James Carroll   | Luise Ivens, Suzanne Hughes, Terry Breeze            |
| Sat 31 July | 6.30pm  | Barbara Smith   | Victoria Alfonso, Dennis Cremins, Rose Trill         |
| Sun 1 Aug   | 9.00am  | Eileen Furnival | Pat Bryant, Adrienne Pilbin, Mary Malone             |
|             | 11.00am | Mary Ogilvie    | Sarah Shearer, Anne Cable-Barnard, Bernadette Norman |
|             | 5.30pm  | John Wells      | Jackie Howe, Luise Ivens, Katie Pethullis            |

**Exposition & Benediction**  
**of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Tuesday:** 8.30-8.55 and  
9.30-10am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 9.30-9.50am and  
6.00-6.20pm

**Prayers have been requested for the sick of our parish community:** Pat Daly, Freda Gardner, Alan Simpkins, Jackie Barry, Jackie McDonnell, Mrs Kerrigan, Mick Thomas, Elaine McDougall, Kristian Metcalfe, Thomas Monaghan, Nicola Coyle, Karen, Trevor Gibson, Brett Metcalfe, Christopher, Claire Bewick, Frank McCann, Marie Ward, Mary Hanley, Mary Doherty, Karen Cave, Steven Kennedy, Mindi Devi, David Tuson, Liam Cullinane, Megan-Jane Smith, Cynthia Goddard, William Kennedy, Patricia Harris, Mabel Loake, Pat Sullivan, Garry Hole, Mary Bradley, Maura Marron, Peter Maughan, Bert Jones, Christopher Browne, Leanne Devine, Ann Murphy, Stephen William, Betty Mannion, Sharon Lally, Margaret Buckley, Rhoda Hall, Mary Simpkins, Marjorie Viner, Mary Sygrove, Dot Breeze, Patricia Mulqueen-Wood, Marc Mulqueen-Wood, Anne Brooks, Isla Gibbs, Elizabeth Calvert, Bailly Hill, Janet Foster, Eileen McHugh, Precious Kyla Maher, Muriel & Cyril Wilkins, Catherine Ashton, Bernadette Norman, Mary McKeown, Cathy O'Toole, Ian Cremins, Mason Lee, Catrina Heatherington, Esther McGrath.

### LAMP LIT AT SACRED HEART SHRINE

This week for Spec Int (Sheila)

Next week for Doris Goddard

### LAMP LIT AT OUR LADY'S SHRINE

This week for Spec Int (Ian Cremins)

Next week for Spec Int (Sheila)

### LAMP LIT AT ST ANTHONY'S SHRINE

This week for Maureen Turner, Annie & Hughie

Next week for Thanksgiving (Mandy)

### LAMP LIT AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE

This week for Jackie Smith

Next week for Paddy Ring

**CANDLES LIT AT**  
**SHRINES**  
***Candles available from***  
***AUGUST***  
***Each candle costs £3.50***

**Tote Result:** 18<sup>th</sup> July, nos 16-17, three winners each receive: £12.00. **Weekly Collection** last week £1295.31, thank you!

**Second Collection** this week for Day for Life.

## Dates for your Diary

### Weekly Activities in the Parish Centre

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|------|--------|--|
| Tues | 5.30pm | WeightWatchers   |
| Wed  | 1.00pm | <b>Wednesday Club - will be CLOSED during August. Re-opens Wed, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.</b> |

**THANK YOU** The Keogh school wishes to thank everybody at St John Fisher who supported their night of Irish Music and Dance (10<sup>th</sup> July). Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, or made donations and a special thank you to all of you who attended.

**THANK YOU** To all the gardeners who keep the grounds, grass, rose garden, hedges, etc. It all looks so beautiful and clean - a wonderful job. Thank you all.

**100+ CLUB** The July draw will take place this weekend.

### SJF Parish Summer Playscheme

**Week One: Mon, Wed, Fri - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
Activities in Parish Centre/ Swimming/ Wicksteed Park

**Week Two: Mon, Wed, Fri - 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
Activities in Parish Centre/Woburn Safari Park/A Park

### NEW ROUTES FOSTERING - Father Hudson Society (Ofsted - Outstanding 2007/08)

Recruiting Now - Foster Carers in Coventry. See poster at back of church. If this is something you can consider, call 01675 434020, email: [newroutes@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:newroutes@fatherhudsons.org.uk)  
Visit the website: [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

### URGENT INFORMATION REQUIRED - BY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUG

**Mass of Beatification PAPAL VISIT, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
Parish Priests have been asked to collect details of **Stewards, Medics, Carers and Pilgrims** wishing to attend the above Mass **NO LATER THAN WED, 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**. *The details required are: title, full name, address, telephone number, mobile and email.* Parish Priests will provide this information to Pilgrim Leaders who, in turn, will be asked to forward it to Cathedral House for it to be sent onto the Bishops' Conference.  
**If you are interested, please put your details on the sheet at the back of church.**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - Stewards, Doctors, Nurses, First Aiders.** If you are interested in volunteering for this event forms are available at the back of church.

It has been decided that all those attending will be referred to as pilgrims rather than guests. Parishes have been allocated places based on a percentage of Mass attendance.  
**Our Parish of St John Fisher has been allocated 151 places.** All pilgrims will be asked to make a contribution of £25 to the Pilgrim journey to the Mass of Beatification in Cofton Park. This will include return coach transport from the Pilgrim Point (*departure will be from St John Fisher church*) and a PILGRIM PACK, with what is needed for the Mass. *All minors must be accompanied by an adult.* It is not possible for people to make their own way to Cofton Park. Coaches are being organised by the national office.

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### A FAMILY SPONSORED WALK (5 miles)

The Society of Friends of The Poor Clares', Rising Lane (off Warwick Road), Baddesley Clinton, Knowle are organising a Sponsored Walk, on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August** starting at **2.00pm**, followed by a **Summer BBQ** from 4pm. Walkers raising over £25 eat for free! For details contact Matthew Bowen on 07801 538 776.

**A SUMMER BBQ organised by The Society of Friends of The Poor Clares'**, Rising Lane (off Warwick Road), Baddesley Clinton - on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August from 4.00pm. Tickets: £6 adults, £4 for under 12s. For tickets contact Matthew Bowen on 07801 538 776.

### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August

**St Elizabeth Parish are hosting the celebration of AFRICA DAY.** The celebrations begin with Mass at 2.30pm, followed by a shared meal (varieties of dishes) and BBQ in the parish garden. See poster for details.

### Tuesday to Sunday, 9-13<sup>th</sup> August

**Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference, including 'Kids of the Kingdom and Chosen Youth Group'** at the Paragon Hotel, Birmingham. See leaflet for more details.

### Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Michaelmas Fayre at 10.00am** See you at the Convent, Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton. Also, a Variety Evening, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall (Shrine of the English Martyrs)** Mass at 3.00pm, Principal Celebrant: Most Rev Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham  
Free parking. See poster in porch for more details.

### Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September CAFOD BIG FUN RUN

To enter go online at [www.bigfunrun.com](http://www.bigfunrun.com)

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR MYTON HOSPICE

Donations of used postage stamps gratefully accepted. Please leave them in the Sacristy or see Fr Bob.

### LIGHT REFLECTIONS:

A young boy had just got his driver's permit and enquired of his father if they could discuss the use of his car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son. 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six months the father said 'Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't got your hair cut.'  
The young man paused a moment then said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that too and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses has long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair.' And his father replied, 'Did you notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

God Bless,