

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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Saturday 24th June 6.00pm. Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th June 9.30am. 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 27th 10.00am Mass St. John Southworth P M

Wednesday 28th 10.00am Mass St Irenaueus Bp D R

Thursday 29th

**St Peter and St Paul
Holyday of Obligation
10.00am Mass**

Aps Ms

6.15pm Exposition and Benediction
7.00pm. Mass.

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious

Friday 30th 10.00am Mass First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Saturday 1st July 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition.
St Oliver Plunket. Bp M

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New votive candle stands.

You will have noticed that the new votive candle stands have arrived and are in use.

The instructions are simple. Place a candle in a holder and light it using the gas lighter in the holder on the stand. This avoids lighted candles being moved around and means that no wax is dripped on the stand for someone to clean up. You will also realise that there is no plastic or aluminium waste from individual tea light holders - good for the environment. The candles are completely smoke and soot free - so it doesn't blacken the church walls. The last bit of candle falls through into a reservoir of water which solidifies the wax and extinguishes the wick. This makes it safe and also means that the wax will then be collected and re-cycled. Win-win all round.

On the stands there is a 50p price indicated. We are happy with whatever you give. It doesn't have to be 50p but whatever you give covers the cost of the candle and also the candles on the altar, the sanctuary lamp and extra candles for special occasions, so many thanks for your offerings.

Day for Life collection last weekend.

The Collection for Day for Life charities in this parish raised £146.15 Many thanks.

SPUC Petition Day next weekend (no money involved)

SPUC (the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state. According to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact, the UK Government sent over £60 million to China in 2020-21.

The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority.

The petition will be available to sign at the back of church next weekend if you wish to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible human rights abuse.

Last Thursday was the great feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More.

St John Fisher was Chancellor of Cambridge University and Bishop of Rochester. Other bishops 'changed sides' to save their own skin when Henry VIII demanded they join his church. John Fisher remained true to the Catholic Faith and was imprisoned in the Tower of London and then beheaded. He refused to condemn the other bishops. He said, "I condemn no other man's conscience: their conscience may save them, and mine must save me."



St Thomas More was Chancellor of England and had been a personal friend of Henry but could not support his divorce. He was charged with treason, sent to the Tower and beheaded 13 days after his friend John Fisher. A quote from a prayer of Thomas More is: "The things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me thy grace to labour for. Amen."



St John Fisher and St. Thomas More, pray to God for our school, for the Faith of the pupils and staff. May it be a beacon of Faith to all who see it.

Newsletter Insert from the diocese

Ukrainian Flood Appeal

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain has shared details of a fund to provide humanitarian aid to all those who have lost their homes and livelihoods as a result of the destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam in the Kherson region of Ukraine.

Any help you are able to give at this time would be greatly appreciated. Find out more at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/nova-kakhovka-fundraiser-for-humanitarian-aid>