



HOLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS



SUN ☒ 22 Mar	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE MOTHERING SUNDAY	Mass will be offered privately	Pro Populo - The People of the Parish C Lynn & Lorraine Babcock RIP Deceased members of Matilda's Family
Mon 23 Mar	Lent Feria	No Mass Today	
Tue 24 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	Dan Peiris - Sick
Wed 25 Mar	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Mass will be offered privately	Pro Populo - The People of the Parish
Thur 26 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	For the work of the NHS
Fri 27 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	For those in isolation and all who feel isolated
Sat 28 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	Pro Populo - The People of the Parish
SUN ☒ 29 Mar	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT THE REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO MARY'S DOWRY	Mass will be offered privately	Paul & Hannah Shyhinska - RIP Emily Theobalds - RIP anniversary

A prayer for Mothers on Mothering Sunday Loving God, as a Mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our Mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian Mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for March - Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER

Parish Priest: Fr. Shaun Richards shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk
 Administrator: Nathalie Hasted shepperton@rcdow.org.uk
 Book keeper: Traci Blundell sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk
 All Hall Bookings: Via parish office shepperton@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding: Katrina Lavery sheppertong@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
 Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator 020 7798 9356

St John Fisher Catholic Church, 15 Wood Road, Shepperton. TW17 0DH

Telephone: 01932 563116

website: www.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or www.sjfchurch.org.uk Charity No: 233699

KEEP CALM AND LIVE LENT

Sunday cycle Readings Year A
 Weekday readings Year 2
 Divine Office Week 4

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 22nd March 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE Mothering Sunday

Sadly, all public Masses and liturgies have been suspended until further notice. Be assured that the Holy Mass will be offered at SJF in private, day by day, for your intentions. We look forward to welcoming you back as soon as is possible.



THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY

He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

Check out these readings in your Holy Bible for Lent 4

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

The selection and anointing of David as King of the Israelites initiates a new era in the history of the people of God. In a future generation another shepherd called Jesus will spring from the Root of Jesse

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

'Enlightenment' was one of the names given in the ancient tradition to baptism. It would be traumatic to plunge once more into the darkness having been enlightened by faith, to refuse to live as children of light.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The healing of the man born blind is a major text on Christian initiation. Christ, the light of the world, is a sign of contradiction; those who proudly claim to be able to see, lose themselves in darkness: those who humbly accept that they are blind, come to the light. They are gradually introduced into the mystery of the One sent by the father: the man called Jesus, a prophet, a man of God, and finally the son of man.



SPIRITUAL QUOTE FOR LENT

Lent is not just about what we give up,
 It's about who we become!

Anonymous

THE HOLY MASS is looking very different day by day and especially so this weekend. This pattern will likely continue for the foreseeable future, but be assured that wherever you may be, you are being prayed for and your Mass Intentions will continue to be offered, as before. As the Cardinal said in his Pastoral Letter: "The prayer of the Church will continue day by day... what will change is the manner of our participation in those celebrations of the Mass... This is a sacrifice we have to make."

As you may know, all other liturgies in the Church are also suspended, Funerals for the time being will take place directly at the graveside or Crematorium but a Mass can be offered for the soul of the departed at a later date. Holy Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation are also suspended.

Currently we are allowed to open the church (around the usual Mass times) for private prayers and to light votive candles. But it is important that we remember to sanitise our hands on entering and leaving the church and to exercise social distancing, i.e. ensure that we give each other proper space. If the church is locked, the Garden of the Shepherds will be open for your private prayers before the image of Our Lady.

On a practical note, Nathalie, our Parish Administrator and Traci our Book keeper are now working remotely at home rather than in the office. If you need to contact either of them the best route is via email (addresses are on the back cover as usual) If a parishioner is in danger of death, I will as

usual continue to bring the Sacraments if requested. In these times of change and uncertainty try to keep positive. May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us and may St John Fisher pray for us.

Fr Shaun

SJF SAMARITANS: Would you like to be a part of a new community group helping those who are self isolating or social distancing? We are setting up a group of volunteers to help those in need from our SJF community, be it with shopping delivery, telephone companionship or support or picking up medicines. If you would like to help, please contact Nathalie on the office email or on 07817 494 040 who is co-ordinating this. If you feel in need of any of these services, please do get in touch. Thank you for helping some of the most vulnerable in our local community. Now, more than ever, these acts of kindness are invaluable.

HALL HIRE: Our hall is now closed until further notice. We will let you know when this changes. Please contact Nathalie on the office email with any specific enquiries.

MANNA FOOD BANK: As you may have heard, donations to food banks have dropped significantly nationally. This is also the case for our local foodbank, Manna. Although many of their usual donation points have closed, you can still make donations to boxes at Sainsbury's in Shepperton and Sainsbury's on The Causeway in Staines. Current shortages in

particular are:- tinned potatoes; breakfast biscuits/cereal bars; tins of cold meat (ham, spam, luncheon meat etc); sachets of custard powder; dried spaghetti; porridge; tomato ketchup; small bags of sugar; sachets of soup (eg/ Mug shots); long life milk; jars of pasta sauce; toilet rolls; kitchen rolls; bars of soap; hand wash; washing up liquid; non-bio washing powder/ laundry liquid.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: We will continue to publish this newsletter on our website every weekend. If you have any additions, please do get in touch.

LITTLE CHURCH: we are aiming to publish online, weekly activity sheets to print off for our youngsters which relate to the Gospel reading each Sunday. We will get them on line as soon as we can.

SOME GOOD NEWS: The Steering Group regarding our hall/church developments have recently received a video presentation and sets of drawings from the architect with possible ideas going forward. They are not being asked to choose from one of the

designs but instead to feed back on which elements they like and don't like. This will all move us another step closer to a final design which we will all be able to comment on. Additionally, Nathalie and our Diocesan colleagues, Keeley and Alison are looking into grant and funding streams to support the refurbishment/development. We may be in difficult time but there is much which is good and positive going on behind the scenes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

David Bentall

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MARCH

Denis Ryan, E.J. Cane, Kathleen Sweet, Rose Ryan, Fr Charles Connor, John Ohlson, Victoria Roberts, Patricia Macklin, Mary O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, Lynn Guevara, Maureen Mitchell, Eileen Tams, Helen Bool, Brian Duffy, Matthew Sawyer, Fr Anton Cowan, Jane Bermingham

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

COLLECTION AT MASS LAST WEEKEND

Giving loose in the plate: £259

Giving using offertory envelopes: £268

Giving through the bank: £397

Thank you for supporting your church



Let nothing disturb thee;
Let nothing dismay thee:
All things pass;
God never changes.
Patience attains
All that it strives for.
He who has God
Finds he lacks nothing:
God alone suffices.

(Teresa of Ávila)