



HOLY MASSES AND INTENTIONS



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
Mon 30 Mar	Lent Feria	No Mass Today	
Tue 31 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	Sr. Laetitia - Intentions
Wed 01 Apr	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	McCaughey - Family Intentions
Thur 02 Apr	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	For the staff of the NHS
Fri 03 Apr	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	For the people of the UK
Sat 04 Apr	Lent Feria	Mass will be offered privately	Pro Populo - The People of the Parish
SUN ✘ 05 Apr	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD HOLY WEEK BEGINS	Mass will be offered privately	Pro Populo - The People of the Parish

A PRAYER FOR LENT: Lord God, through Lent open our eyes to see all the right and wrong that we have done. Help us in our loving of one another, to make good decisions, to be strong and not give up. Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to both learn and live the Gospel with generosity and joy, imagination and courage for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for April - Freedom from addiction. We pray that those suffering many be helped and accompanied.

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KEEP CALM AND LIVE LENT

Sunday cycle Readings Year A
 Weekday readings Year 2
 Divine Office Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 29th March 2020 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Whilst all public Masses have been suspended be assured that the Holy Mass is offered at SJF in private, day by day, for your intentions.



THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY
I am the resurrection and the life

Check out these readings in your Holy Bible for Lent 5

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

When the Lord says I am going to open your graves these words really are addressed to us, no matter how chilling they may sound. This is the promise of the resurrection we will explore in Easter, that just as Jesus died and rose again, so, because we are baptised in him, we will die and rise again. This is the doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body which we proclaim in the creed. So in reading, do not stumble over those words of God: allow them to ring out confidently each time they occur. The promise of life from the grave is our greatest Christian hope.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Saint Paul adds to Ezekiel's prophecy by telling us that it is the Holy Spirit (given in Baptism) that guarantees this rising. Again, as we have seen throughout these Sundays, Paul is using contrasts: spiritual-unspiritual, life-death: bring these out in the reading. As with all these contrast readings, take your time: allow one half of the contrast to sink in before you go on to the other. This is Gods living and active word being proclaimed and talking to us here and now.

Gospel: John 9:11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life: this statement by Jesus is at the centre of the gospel of 'the raising of Lazarus'. To believe in Jesus, Messiah and Son of God, is already to have within oneself eternal life, which death cannot destroy.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE FOR LENT

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

Anonymous

For heaps of information and resources whilst at home, take a look at the link on our parish microsite:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/diocese/resources-during-mass-suspension/>

KEEP SAFE - KEEP THE FAITH - AND CARRY ON



DID YOU REMEMBER: The clocks went forward one hour to British Summertime this weekend.

THE HOLY WORD THIS WEEK: The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It's a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of this Sunday's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead if you can to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself. Have a good week.

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 urgent shopping delivery, telephone companionship or support or picking up urgent 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.

A PRACTICAL NOTE: Nathalie, our Parish Administrator and Traci our Book keeper are 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, Fr Shaun will as usual continue to anoint, if requested. In these times of change and uncertainty try to keep positive.

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. Please bare with us.

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.

CAFOD: We managed to complete our *Lent Family Fast Day* collection before the churches were closed. Thank you to all who gave, we raised £789.00 Thank you so much.

THANK YOU to parishioners who have contacted asking if they can still receive their weekly envelopes. Please would you phone the office or email Traci direct and we will get them posted out to you. sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS: We can still arrange Mass intentions and have space available at Easter. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact Fr Shaun via the office email or telephone.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

David Bentall

ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward, Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly, Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith, Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones, Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

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The Rededication of England to Mary's Dowry
This Sunday at 12.00 noon
<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/rededication/>

This Rededication is a both a personal promise of the people of our country, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are invited to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary. We respond to this invitation on the day of Rededication in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment.

A Personal Promise: Our personal promise brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. The Angelus Promise is the prayer of this personal promise. In it we proclaim our own "Yes" in union with Mary through the words of the Annunciation. **A Communal Entrustment:** The Act of Entrustment of England to The Virgin Mary is a prayer of a profoundly historic and spiritual nature, bringing together the prayers of surrender and dedication that have echoed through our history. The personal promise and the Communal Entrustment can be downloaded from the web site link:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/rededication/>

LAZARUS
BETHANY
SISTERS
MARTHA
MARY
OINTMENT
FEET
BROTHER
JUDAEA
TOMB
STONE
PRAYER

