



PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER



SUN ✘ 17 May	6th Sunday of Easter	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Mon 18 May	Easter feria	No Mass today	
Tue 19 May	Easter feria	Mass offered privately	Rita Hill - for a special intention
Wed 20 May	Easter feria	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Thur ✘ 21 May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Mass offered privately	For the National Health Service and all who work within it
Fri 22 May	Easter feria	Mass offered Privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
Sat 23 May	Easter feria	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
SUN ✘ 24 May	7th Sunday of Easter	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish Tony Hill RIP

Prayer intentions during the pandemic: We pray for all who work in the NHS at this time, for our wonderful doctors, nurses and support staff, for all who are sick in any way, for the elderly & vulnerable and for those who feel afraid. For our politicians making difficult decisions and for a compassionate heart for those who don't have to make difficult decisions but who readily criticise. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for May. For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER

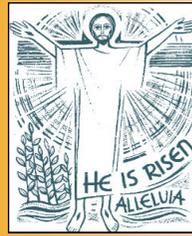
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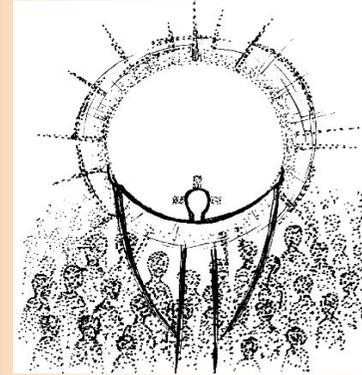
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Week 2

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 17th May 2020

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY MASS THIS SUNDAY

I shall ask the Father,
and he shall give you
another Advocate

We are now some distance away from Easter Sunday, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that Spirit of truth which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to proclaim the Christ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of a doubting world.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 66:1-7,16,20*

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:15-18*

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-21*

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

**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.**

CARDINAL VINCENT SPEAKING ON BBC RADIO

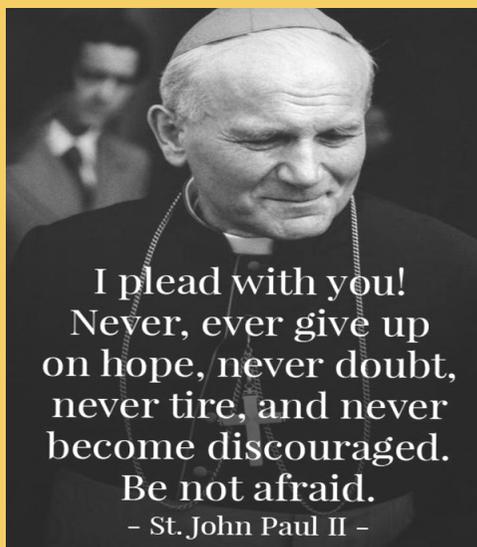
The Cardinal spoke this week to Justin Webb on Radio Four about the need to open Catholic churches. You can read a transcript of the interviews using this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-on-safely-re-opening-churches-for-private-prayer/>

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD falls this coming Thursday. A time, if you are able to join the Mass through a spiritual communion and, if possible, live streaming.

PLEASE SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS AROUND that we are producing this *On Line* newsletter each week. It might be just the link that some parishioners need, to help to keep them in the loop and up to date.

JOB VACANCIES St Richard Reynolds Catholic College. Vacancies: for an RE Teacher, RE Teacher with TLR, a Cover Supervisor and an Assistant SENDCO. For more information go to: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

MASS INTENTIONS: We can still arrange Mass intentions and have space available leading to Pentecost. 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.



PENTECOST NOVENA: Once again, the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost will be taking place from 21st to 31st May, for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Online Prayer resources, including specific Catholic resources, can be found at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us>

PAUSE FOR FAITH: Fr Stephen Wang is live streaming each day at the 'Pause for Faith' YouTube channel, where you can also see a library of recent videos. It's an informal look at different aspects of our Catholic faith. Including how to pray, the lives of the saints, faith formation, coping with lockdown, and a new series of talks about 'What Christians believe in 100 objects'. This is a good site and you can check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PauseforFaith>

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY and the image of our Blessed Lady, in church, has been crowned as usual. The Rosary will be live streamed each day at 5.00pm throughout the month of May, from Westminster Cathedral for all of our intentions and for an end to the coronavirus. To join in this special devotion, go to the Cathedral website: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk
May Our Lady of Victories, pray for us.

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER RESOURCE. During this challenging time, the publishers of Magnificat are offering complimentary access to the online version of the resource to help people pray at home. Magnificat contains the readings for Sunday and daily Mass, together with simplified versions of morning and evening prayer, as well as reflections and meditations. The online version of Magnificat can be accessed at: <https://us.magnificat.net/home>

MARY'S MEALS We were scheduled to have a clothing collection for Mary's Meals at the end of June - building on the success of our first collection last year. It looks like this will not now be taking place, given the current lockdown. The founder of Mary's Meals has recorded a short message which can be found here: https://youtu.be/h9e_zhu98HY (just copy the link and paste it into your internet search engine)

THANKS FOR THINKING OF US: Some parishioners have made requests recently for their new weekly envelopes, which can be posted out and others have asked to move over to a Standing Order with the bank so they can keep their gift offering to our church going.

Importantly however, we realise for many who are unable to work, that this is a difficult time and church contributions are difficult. Please know that the care of your family comes first and whatever you would like to offer now or afterwards, when the time is right, will be a welcome gift. If you are wanting to help us now, the Diocese have just updated our Donate Page on our microsite: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Shepperton/donate>

This page offers various ways to help us to keep on paying our bills. Many thanks for your help.

BISHOPS TO LIVE-STREAM THURSDAY MASSES DURING PANDEMIC: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the pandemic is affecting every person in our country and beyond. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

To show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved, each week on Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This

takes place every Thursday at 7.00pm.

21st May: Bishop Mark Davies, [Shrewsbury Cathedral](#)

28th May: Bishop Terence Drainey, [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)

SJF SAMARITANS: Thank you to all who have joined this new community group helping those who are self isolating or social distancing, to get help, be it with urgent shopping delivery, telephone companionship or support or picking up urgent medicines. If you would like to help, please contact Fr Shaun via email and please include your contact number. If you are in need of any urgent help, please phone Fr Shaun.

LITTLE CHURCH: Have a look at our microsite and click on the tab 'THINGS TO DO WHILST AT HOME'

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Veronica Sreenan, Kathleen Johnson, Tim Sullivan, Arthur Frendo, Jasmine Shell, Jim Tranter, Mary Mullahey, Margaret Ward, Gerry Firth

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MAY

Fr John O'Sullivan, Ella Mary Butterworth, Elsie Curley, Peter Johnson, Alice (Nita) Manning, Mollie Pugh, Jeanne Diekmann, Joe D'Souza, Tom Ray, David Weathers, Bartley Keady, Dorothy Price, Linzi Geddes, Joan King, Daphne Dodd, Kitty Brett, Terry Quinn

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