



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



<b>SUN ✘ 31 May</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
<b>Mon 01 June</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Mass offered privately	For a private intention
<b>Tue 02 June</b>	Feria	Mass offered privately	May McGovern (nee Doohan) RIP
<b>Wed 03 June</b>	Ss. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Mass offered privately	Marie Becton RIP
<b>Thur 04 June</b>	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mass offered privately	George & Sissie Byrne RIP
<b>Fri 05 June</b>	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	Mass offered Privately	Pat Conway RIP
<b>Sat 06 June</b>	Feria	Mass offered privately	For the National Health Service and all who work within it
<b>SUN ✘ 07 June</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	Mass offered privately	Maria & Filippo Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the parish

**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 June.** The Way of the Heart. We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus. Amen

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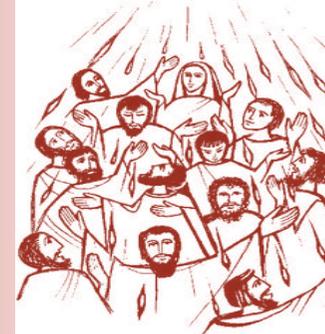
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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
Weekday readings  
Easter Week 7  
Divine Office  
Week 3

**Sunday 31st May 2020**



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**

**'As the Father sent  
me, so am I  
sending you'**

We arrive at the fiftieth day and the completion of the Easter season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and, now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

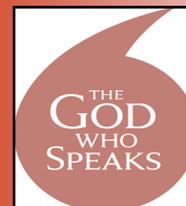
This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church.

In the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his Sacraments, in his Ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT,  
FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR PEOPLE**

**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.**

**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**O HOLY SPIRIT,  
BELOVED OF MY SOUL, I ADORE YOU.  
ENLIGHTEN ME, GUIDE ME,  
STRENGTHEN ME, CONSOLE ME.  
TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO; GIVE ME YOUR ORDERS.  
I PROMISE TO SUBMIT MYSELF  
TO ALL THAT YOU DESIRE OF ME  
AND TO ACCEPT ALL THAT YOU PERMIT TO HAPPEN TO ME.  
LET ME ONLY KNOW YOUR WILL. AMEN.**

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**CARDINAL VINCENT** has recorded a Pastoral Message for Pentecost. This can be viewed directly on our Web and Microsite and also using this link: <https://vimeo.com/421046273>

**IN CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST** Fr Pat Browne (Pimlico Parish) and Patrick Van Der Vost have prepared a video meditation on the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, using Christian art and music. It can be found at <https://christian.art/videos.php> or on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca6ccFiilc8>

**WHEN CAN WE OPEN OUR DOORS AGAIN?** Together with the governmental task force the Church is making plans to prepare for the re-opening of our buildings. So what will happen? Well, first of all we do not have a firm date just yet, but it may be before July. Secondly, it will be a re-opening for private prayer only (i.e. no services, Benediction, Rosary, or Holy Mass), the celebration of Mass will come later. It's really important that we follow government guidelines and don't try to "jump the gun" or do our own thing in our own way. This would do terrible harm to the credibility of the Catholic Church in ongoing discussions with the government.

So once the green light is given for churches to be open, it is envisaged we will open, probably for an hour each day for private prayer at a time to be decided. But... (because there is nearly always a but), each day we will need a team of volunteers

to steward and supervise. We will also need to clean the church each day. There will be strict protocols as to social distancing on entering the church and where we can sit or kneel. We will likely need to enter by one door and leave by another. This will be a big undertaking, with areas in our church building cordoned off i.e. the hall, toilets and sacristy.

In addition we will need the relevant materials to protect everyone: signage, antibacterial gel on entering and leaving, masks and gloves for volunteers and cleaners. Before all of this, there has to be a formal Risk Assessment of all Diocesan churches. So this will start to take place over the coming weeks so we can be ready for when the time comes to open.

SO, WE NEED YOUR HELP. Could you be a volunteer steward? Could you be a cleaner? The Diocese requires all helpers to be under 70 years of age and in good health. This way of operating is likely to continue for a good number of weeks, so we shall need a large group of people to spread the work load, because without volunteers in place we will not be permitted to open. Can you help? If you can, a quick email to me initially will be really encouraging, I can then start to make further plans for our future. Please use: [shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk) Thank you.

**TAKE PART** in the Friends of Westminster Cathedral Lockdown Online Quiz on Tuesday 2nd June at 6.30pm on the Friends of Westminster Cathedral Facebook Page. The quiz is free to enter but they are asking if you might make a £5 per head donation. All monies raised will help to support Westminster Cathedral. Parish virtual teams are welcome and may communicate using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, What's App etc. For more details and to enter email: [christinawhite@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:christinawhite@rcdow.org.uk)

Please note that the Friends page is private and you will need to join the page in advance to take part in the quiz.

**THE PASSAGE'S GARDEN PARTY: AT HOME WITH ADAM FROST** You are invited you to the first ever virtual event. Friday 5th June, from 6.00pm, to commemorate 40 years of The Passage and its work helping people to overcome homelessness. Hosted by BBC Gardener's World's, Adam Frost,

live from his spectacular back garden, spend a peaceful summer's evening to mark the anniversary. Sit back and enjoy gardening tips and secrets from Adam, while tucking in to a suggested menu at home from The Passage's very own Head Chef, Claudette Dawkins; which you can pair with a refreshing gin cocktail, recommended by HMS Spirits, who are offering 20% off their products for all attendees. Take part in an online auction for a chance of winning some fantastic lots to keep you occupied right the way through lockdown! All whilst serenaded throughout the evening by a variety of live music and entertainment. There is no charge, just donations. To sign up and for more details visit: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/virtual-garden-party/>

**THE WORK CONTINUES:** Whilst the Holy Mass is celebrated day by day at SJF for your intentions, other important stuff is going on as well behind the closed doors where urgent repairs and maintenance are being addressed. Some time ago, we cordoned off the back rows of the church due to a small amount of falling masonry from the roof space. It's taken a long time to receive quotations and to work out the way forward for permitted works during the lockdown. I am grateful to our diocesan surveyor, for his help and guidance in this period. A large proportion of the cost for high level work is scaffolding hire, so the decision was also made to repaint the badly stained ceiling of the church at the same time, this is because we shall save financially in the long term, rather than duplicating on scaffolding costs at a later date.

The repairs and painting which have been ongoing have now been completed and when we are permitted to reopen, we shall have a cleaner and brighter church. But this is not all, in the peace and quiet of the curtilage of the church, pigeons have taken up residence in the eaves of the church hall, consequently the debris in the hall during the lockdown has been considerable. It is hoped that this issue has now been solved. I mention these things to keep you up to date and to assure you that the Church hasn't gone into hibernation, but is actively preparing for the time when we can join together again to celebrate the Holy Mass and give glory to God with joy filled

hearts. The months ahead in our lives and in the life of the Church are still uncertain, but we must plan for what people are calling the *new normal*. Whatever the *new normal* way of life is, be assured that the Lord is constant and will remain ever present whatever life brings.

**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.

**THANKS FOR THINKING OF US:** Some parishioners have made requests 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.

**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.

#### **PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Veronica Sreenan,  
Kathleen Johnson, Jim Tranter

#### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUNE**

William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson,  
Neville Grose, John Butterworth, Ann Llewellyn,  
Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien, Albert Sawyer,  
Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook, Eileen Kelly,  
Reginald Snell.

#### **ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**