



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



Sun ☒ 28 Feb	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6.00pm (Sat Vigil)</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	Susan Sharpe RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Eileen & Jim McKeogh - in celebration - 40th wedding anniversary
Mon 01 Mar	ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 02 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For the souls of those dying in Uganda
<b>Wed 03 Mar</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	For baby Kim who is sick
Thur 04 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For God's will to prevail in Uganda
<b>Fri 05 Mar</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b> (World Day of Prayer)	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	For all who are struggling in mind, body and spirit
Sat 06 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 10.00am</i>	Mary & Joe Mullahey RIP
Sun ☒ 07 Mar	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6.00pm (Sat Vigil)</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	Patrick & Anne Harris RIP Daniel O' Malley & Tess Dreelan RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** currently offered in private. **Eucharistic Adoration:** currently suspended.  
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** For the time being, please arrange this directly with Fr Shaun.

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 St John Fisher Church is, with the whole Diocese of Westminster, a registered charity.  
 Our registered charity number is: 233699



Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday readings  
Lent - Week 2  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 2

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**Sunday 28th February 2021  
2ND SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**  
"This is my Son,  
the Beloved."

We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, "our Father in faith". Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

**SPIRITUAL QUOTE FOR LENT**  
Lent is not just about what we give up,  
It's about who we become!  
anonymous

**EVEN AFTER VACCINATION**





**WELCOME** to the Holy Mass today. This news letter gives you some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Have a good weekend.

**DURING LENT THIS YEAR:** if you are shielding at home, you can now pray the Mass with us on line here: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3GaZfMcyH\\_QQMndxN91BhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3GaZfMcyH_QQMndxN91BhA)

or just go to **You Tube** and type St John Fisher Shepperton into the search area. Masses are at the usual times, but you can also view them later, if the time is not convenient for you.

#### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

(For those not able to receive Holy Communion)  
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

The public celebration of the Stations of the Cross is suspended for the time being. However a good selection of Stations of the Cross with excellent meditations can be found *on line*. Here are some:

#### **Stations by St Alphonsus Liguori**

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=iElvGC1WsbM>

#### **Instructive Stations - Bishop Robert Barron**

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pJNjtA-Awb4>

#### **For children - EWTN**

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=KoQR30np5us>

A copy of the Stations of the Cross used here at SJF is available from our web sites to download and print off to use at home.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/stations-of-the-cross>

**FOOD BANK BOX:** SJF now has an all year round Food Bank deposit box, situated in the church entrance porch. Maybe, as part of your Lenten giving, you might consider donating some dried or tinned food when coming to Mass? We'll ensure the food donations get to our local food banks for distribution on a weekly basis. Thank you for checking that your donations are 'in date' before you drop them off. Thank you for helping those in need in our area.

#### **CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2021**

Cardinal Vincent thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020/21. This year, during Lent, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can, for ease, scan this QR code with your phone camera to make your donation directly.



**COMING TO MASS AT THIS TIME:** Whilst we are still in the National Lockdown, in common with other Catholic churches in our Deanery, some of our weekday Masses are now said privately. (They ARE all available through live streaming). Please see the timetable for weekly changes. The Sunday Masses are all at the regular times and we are Covid Secure. If you or a member of your household are vulnerable, clinically compromised, or shielding, it is important that you do not come for the time being. If you are returning, thank you for wearing your face covering in church, they are compulsory in our buildings at all times - even outside of the Mass. If your child is 11 years old or over, a face covering must be worn in the church. Thank you.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** A St Joseph Novena - 11th-18th March. A diocesan resource from the Agency for Evangelisation and Caritas. Go to: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/st-joseph-novena/>

#### **A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH**

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**THE REPOSITORY** is newly stocked with cards for Mothering Sunday and Easter. There are also birthday cards and cards for Mass intentions, all at the bargain price of £1 which is well below retail price. In this year of St Joseph, Cardinal Vincent recently suggested we keep a statue of St Joseph in our kitchens. We can order these on request from the wholesaler, with various sizes and prices. Just let us know.

**STAFFING:** Both Nathalie in the office and Traci, are on Furlough for the time being.

**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS SCHOOL** are recruiting for MFL and Maths teacher roles from September 2021. Further details on the website or please contact: [recruitment@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@srrcc.org.uk) for more info.

**FOR WEEKLY JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE GO TO:** <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**VOLUNTEER DOOR STEWARDS** continue to check parishioners into the church, clean benches, kneelers, tables and doors, after every Mass. They are essential to keeping us Covid Secure. If you would like to join this merry band, please email Fr Shaun. We use a stewarding *What's App* group to keep stewards up to date with weekly needs.

**WANT TO HELP THE NHS & THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME?** If you would like to be considered go to: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/join-the-nhs-covid-19-vaccine-team/>

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL:** Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

**THE BRIDGE** on Squires Bridge Road is under repair and the road at that point is closed for another 5 weeks. If you are trying to get to Mass on time and via this route, you might need to allow for the diversion.

**IT'S BY THE ENTRANCE:** if you make your weekly offering using the new card reader — for your convenience, the reader is now sited on the wall, in the entrance area of the church. The green collection bucket for cash offerings and envelopes will remain by the car park exit for the time being. Whichever way you support SJF - in your giving, thank you.

**SPONSORING:** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament lamp by the Holy Tabernacle for your intentions, the cost is just £5 for the whole week. Your sponsorship helps towards the costs of sanctuary candles, thank you. Contact the office by email or telephone to book a week.

**HOLY BAPTISM** We have no date yet, as to when we can resume Holy Baptisms. However, please contact Fr Shaun for registration in anticipation of a date. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with information on godparents etc. are available on request.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS!** If you would like to receive this newsletter directly into your email box, as soon as it is available, simply email us at: [shepperton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepperton@rcdow.org.uk) In the subject box just write 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER' and we'll do the rest.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** is sponsored this week by Juan for Baby Kim, who is very poorly. We pray for the hope of healing at this time.

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**  
Joseph Fox-Tranter  
(and for all who have died as a result of the pandemic)  
**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, Jane Birmingham  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**