



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



Sun ☒ 07 Mar	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	Patrick & Anne Harris RIP Daniel O' Malley & Tess Dreehan RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 08 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 09 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For Jo Beesley who is sick
<b>Wed 10 Mar</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	For Eileen Rowntree RIP
Thur 11 Mar	Lent Feria (Novena to St Joseph begins)	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For a private intention
<b>Fri 12 Mar</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	For the work of the NHS and the vaccine roll out
Sat 13 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 10.00am</i>	For those who are shielding at home
Sun ☒ 14 Mar	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>LAETARE SUNDAY</b> (Mothering Sunday)	<b>6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am</b> <i>and online</i>	For departed souls of the Moyo Family Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Stephen Marriage - Anniversary RIP

**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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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B  
Weekday readings  
Lent - Week 3  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 3

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**Sunday 7th March 2021**

**3RD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**  
"Destroy this sanctuary,  
and in three days I will  
raise it up."

This week, on our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

**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\\_QOMndxN91BhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA)

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>

**HOLY WEEK** this year will be rather different due to ongoing Covid restrictions, but unlike last year we will be open! The broad detail has been worked out nationally through the Conference of Bishops, but each parish priest now needs to work out the details which are best for their buildings and congregations and in a Covid secure

way. At least we will be able to gather together to celebrate the major events of Holy Week and Easter. More details next week.

**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.

**TREE TIME:** over the coming weeks you'll notice that the trees which line the side of the church will be receiving some maintenance. Some will have to be removed to prevent damage to the wall, others will be pruned back. We are very grateful to the church member who has offered to make a donation to cover fifty per cent of the costs involved. This will help us enormously. We estimate the works will take a couple of days to complete.

**POLLING:** you will be pleased to hear that our church hall will be used as a Polling Station for the Elections in May. All the paperwork has been completed and this will generate some welcome income for the Church. It will be good to have the Polling Station back after many years away.

**COVID ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES:** If the four national tests have been satisfied for easing lockdown: From 8th March weddings with up to 6 people may resume. Funerals continue with a maximum of 30 attending. From 12th April: weddings with up to 15 people allowed. Funerals continue with a maximum of 30 attending. From 17th May: Holy Baptisms, weddings and funerals with up to 30 people attending are allowed. From 21st June: no restrictions on numbers providing restrictions are not re-imposed.

**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.



**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** Check out information for the year here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

A St Joseph Novena - 11th-18th March is also available on our website.

**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 (next week) 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.

**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.

**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>

**NEXT SUNDAY** will be Mothering Sunday. Unfortunately we won't be able to have our usual custom of giving children flowers for their mothers. There will still be the special blessing for all Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers at the end of the Mass.

**THE BRIDGE** on Squires Bridge Road is under repair and the road at that point is closed for another 4 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 us - 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.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** is sponsored anonymously this week, for all Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith

**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**