



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



Sun ✘ 14 Mar	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY (Mothering Sunday)	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	For departed souls of the Moyo Family Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Stephen Marriage - Anniversary RIP
Mon 15 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 16 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For Margarita and Reg Day RIP (Wedding Anniversary day)
Wed 17 Mar	ST PATRICK , Bishop & Patron of Ireland	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i>	For Patricia Morrison - Intentions
Thur 18 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For Baby Kim - who is sick
Fri 19 Mar	ST JOSEPH , Spouse of the BVM, Patron of the Diocese Requiem	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i> 12.00pm	For all fathers Funeral for Cidalia Alexandre RIP
Sat 20 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 10.00am</i>	For those who are shielding at home
Sun ✘ 21 Mar <i>Govt. Census Day</i>	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	For Dan Peiris RIP For Dolores and Pat Burke RIP For Gerry and Margaret Collins 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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**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



Sunday 14th March 2021
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Laetare Sunday - Mothering Sunday)



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**
"God sent his Son, so
that through him the
world might be saved"

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today's theme is "salvation": but to understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MOTHERS ON MOTHERING SUNDAY

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





WELCOME to the Holy Mass today. This newsletter gives you some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away.

If you are shielding at home, you can now pray the Mass with us on line here: 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 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 different due to the ongoing restrictions, but we will still be open and online! **PALM SUNDAY:** usual Sunday Mass times with the blessing of Palms in church, the procession is omitted. The Passion Gospel will be read by the priest alone. **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Mass will be at 7.00pm. The foot washing is omitted this year. Sadly there will be no Altar of Repose or stripping of the Altar. For brevity, it will not be possible to keep The Watch in front of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. **GOOD FRIDAY:** The Passion of the Lord will begin at 3.00pm. The

proclamation of the Passion will be made by the priest. The individual Veneration of the Cross is also sadly limited to the priest. Holy Communion will be distributed as usual. Stations of the Cross will be at 7.00pm, though to maintain social distancing, the congregation will remain in the pews. **THE EASTER VIGIL:** begins at the earlier time of 7.00pm The Lucernarium, (Holy Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle) and procession into church will be omitted and the Liturgy of the Word abbreviated. Precise details are still being worked out. **EASTER SUNDAY** Masses will be as usual at 8.30am and 10.30am including the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. The usual Covid restrictions will remain in place.

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. Thank you for support SJF.

FOOD BANK BOX: SJF now has an all year round Food Bank deposit box, situated in the church entrance porch. 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.

HOLY MASS: currently there is no singing at Mass and to minimise time spent inside, certain other elements are omitted, including the Prayer of the Faithful, the intercessions. Whilst the priest prepares the gifts at the altar, you might think of your own prayers for the Church and the world, and for your own particular intentions for this Mass.

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.

HOLY CONFIRMATION: Parents and Confirmandi should have received an email last Wednesday regarding the Confirmation Mass for last year's class of 2020. If you have not received this, please contact the office, but check your spam box first!

TREE UPDATE: you may have noticed that the trees which line the side of the church have now been pruned back, or removed to prevent damage to the wall. We are very grateful to the church member who has offered to make a donation to cover fifty per cent of the costs involved.

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.

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.

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.



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

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.

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: 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>

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.

BE AN ANGEL: We need to maximise our limited seating, whilst keeping safe. Please use the seats in the centre of a bench first. If you block a row by sitting on the end, nobody can safely get past you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Jim McKeogh.

May the light of the Candle brighten the lives of those who are suffering in these times.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Cidalia Alexandre

(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