



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



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
Mon 22 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 23 Mar	Lent Feria National Day of Reflection & Prayer	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i>	For all who have died during the pandemic. For all who have suffered. For an end to the pandemic
Wed 24 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i>	For Patricia Morrison - Intentions
Thur 25 Mar	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i>	For the repose of the soul Fr Julio Muniz
Fri 26 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 9.30am</i>	For Maria Sara Sieburger - Intentions
Sat 27 Mar	Lent Feria	<i>Mass Online streaming only at 10.00am</i>	For C.V. who is sick at this time
Sun ☒ 28 Mar <i>BST begins</i>	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ HOLY WEEK BEGINS ~	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	Pro Populo - the People of the Parish Pro Populo - the People of the Parish Pro Populo - 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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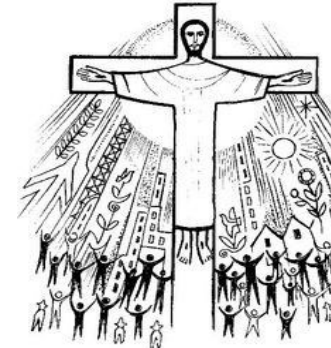
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**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



Sunday 21st March 2021

**5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**

"If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest"

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before.

This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown is this coming Tuesday, 23rd March.
A minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of candle light at 8.00pm.

EVEN AFTER VACCINATION





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.

HOLY WEEK BUT WITH RESTRICTIONS! We will be fully 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. **EASTER SUNDAY** Masses will be as usual at 8.30am and 10.30am including the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. The usual Covid restrictions remain in

place. We will not be operating a booking system for Holy Week services, as some larger churches are doing. It will be first come, first served. If we do run short of space, we will ask people to stand, socially distanced, at the back of the church and in the entrance area. Thank you for your understanding.

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



DON'T FORGET: The clocks spring forward one hour to British Summer Time next Sunday - Palm Sunday.

THE VEILING OF IMAGES IN CHURCH The images and statues in church are now veiled and remain covered until Easter. The veiling expresses the Church's sorrow at this time and helps us to focus on the final days leading up to the Passion of Christ, gently reminding us that sin separates us from God but Christ came to redeem us.

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 supporting SJF.

CENSUS 2021 This Sunday is Census Day. Parishes have been asked to remind parishioners to complete the survey. Please visit www.census.gov.uk and enter the unique access code received in the post by your household. Paper questionnaires can be requested if preferred. For more information go to: www.census.gov.uk or call 0800 141 2021.

FOOD BANK BOX: SJF has an all year round Food

Bank deposit box, situated in the church entrance porch. Already we have made 3 trips to the Food Bank with your donations. Thank you, you are brilliant! Let's keep up the good work.

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: since 8th March weddings with up to 6 people can 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 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!

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/>

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.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME for European citizens EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK by 31st December 2020 have until 30th June 2021 to apply for the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their rights to live and work here or access important services such as healthcare. There is a need to continue drawing this to people's attention as we approach the deadline. Older and vulnerable people may require assistance with the online application or not even know that their status is at risk. In many cases their main point of contact with society will be through the Church. Relevant information can be found on the official government website (www.gov.uk/settled-status?eu-citizens-families), from the European Commission (www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know) or from the charity Settled (www.settled.org.uk). Please note, Irish citizens do not need to apply.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS :

We are preparing to distribute boxes of envelopes to those who regularly use them to make their weekly offering to God. Thank you to parishioners who have switched over to a standing order. This saves us printing costs. More info' next week.

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 E & J

May the Candle light brighten the way for all students as they restart their education.

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 Bermingham

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD