



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



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 - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 29 Mar	Monday of Holy Week	<i>No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty</i>	
Tues 30 Mar	Tuesday of Holy Week	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i>	For C. Lynn and Lorraine Babcock RIP
Wed 31 Mar	Spy Wednesday of Holy Week	Mass 9.30am <i>and online</i>	For Anne Keogh RIP
Thur 01 Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY	<i>No morning Mass</i> 7.00pm <i>and online</i>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 02 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY <i>Day of fasting & abstinence</i>	3.00pm <i>and online</i> 7.00pm	The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Stations of the Cross
Sat 03 Apr	HOLY SATURDAY	<i>No morning Mass</i> 7.00pm <i>and online</i>	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ✕ 04 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish 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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Sunday 28th March 2021
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday readings
HOLY WEEK
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY
 "Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord."

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



As we embark on this most sacred time for Christians, we pray for our brothers and sisters in the UK and around the world. who, through the pandemic lockdown, do not have the freedom to celebrate Holy Week as fully as they would choose. Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER



EVEN AFTER VACCINATION





WELCOME to the Holy Mass today. This newsletter gives you some information for Holy week. 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.

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 AND EASTER Don't miss out! Please make it a priority to be with the Lord this Holy Week. Suspend errands and jobs around the house, especially on Good Friday. Drop everything and enter into the mystery. We might well be restricted for space but there will be plenty of space **OnLine** throughout this great week.

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. Cardinal Vincent is inviting everyone in our Diocese to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, sometime between 8.00pm and midnight. <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

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.

THANK YOU: We are very grateful to Bethany Friery who has, with the help of husband Tim, provided some beautiful accompaniment for the liturgies. **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.

The Orders of Service for Palm Sunday and the Paschal Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil are available on our Web sites and our You tube page to print off and join in, if you are participating with us online.

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>
Stations of the Cross used here at SJF is available from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/stations-of-the-cross>

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

C V PEPPER RIP: With great sorrow we learnt last Sunday afternoon of the death of C V. His commitment to St John Fisher Church and its parishioners over many years was immense. We shall be all the poorer without him. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Christine his wife and for his children and grandchildren. Go forth Christian soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you, since the foundation of the world.

FOOD BANK BOX: SJF has an all year round Food Bank deposit box, situated in the church entrance porch. Thank you for your donations.

HOLY MASS: to minimise time spent inside, certain 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: since 8th March 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 with up to 30 people attending are allowed. From 21st June: no restrictions on numbers providing restrictions are not re-imposed.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests working at SJF throughout the year. They are not a personal gift, but they are much appreciated.

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.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS :
We'll be distributing boxes of envelopes to those who regularly use them for their weekly offering to God after the weekend Masses. Thank you if you use these envelopes, have switched over to a standing order or support SJF in another way.

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. Space will be at a premium this Holy and Easter.

OUR CHURCH: we like to think SJF church is a friendly place, and so it is, but it's easy to reach out to those we know. Over Holy Week and Easter, there may well be people returning after some time away. We also have new parishioners who have joined us over the past 12 months, which is truly remarkable, considering the pandemic. A socially distanced smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference to the welcome we offer and the kindness shown and received. Thank you.

UP AND COMING IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:
Registration info' for First Holy Communion 2021. In this year of St Joseph - a new statue? Chorister opportunities at Westminster Cathedral Dates ahead for your diary.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week by Margaret Smith
for her intentions

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
C V Pepper RIP, Mary Cotter RIP
(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