



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



All Masses are public and are also streamed online via *YouTube*: St John Fisher Shepperton

Sun ☒ 18 Apr	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For Canon Hugh Sreenan RIP (Anniversary) For C-V Pepper RIP Pro Populo—for the people of the parish
Mon 19 Apr	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	No Mass at SJF Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 20 Apr	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For Mel Tracy RIP
Wed 21 Apr	Easter feria Requiem	Mass 9.30am Funeral Mass 11.30am	For Matilda in thanksgiving for God's providence Funeral Mass for C-V Pepper RIP
Thur 22 Apr	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For David RIP
Fri 23 Apr	ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND	Mass 9.30am	For the health and prosperity of our nation
Sat 24 Apr	Ss. Erkenwald & Mellitus, Bishops	Mass 10.00am	For Marisa Henderson RIP
Sun ☒ 25 Apr	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo—for the people of the parish For Fr Alexander Lucie - Smith For Matilda in thanksgiving for her family

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of April : Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even democracies in crisis. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

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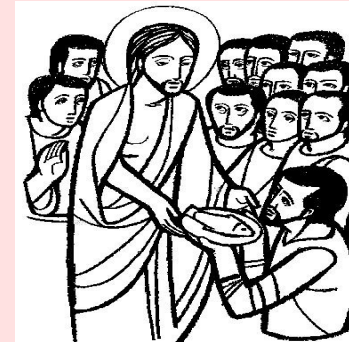
Sunday 18th April 2021

**3RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday readings
3rd week of Easter

Divine Office
Psalter Week 3



**HOLY MASS
THIS SUNDAY**

"See how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead."

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive, by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that he suffered and rose from the dead, so that repentance for the forgiveness of sins could be preached to the whole world.

The first reading shows us Saint Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to repent and turn to God, so that sins may be wiped out.

The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By our Baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.



WELCOME in this joyous Eastertide. 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, all of our Masses are available on line, just go to **You Tube** and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area or use this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3GaZfMCYH_QOMndxN91BhA

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.

WELCOME BACK: During Holy Week and into Eastertide, it has been good to see familiar faces returning to Mass once again. You'll have noticed that a few things have changed, to enable us to remain Covid Secure. Gradually, we hope, in the fullness of time (and assuming the Government's *Road Map* remains on course), to get to a new kind of normal. The Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses are fairly busy again, but the Sunday Vigil Mass, on Saturday evening at 6.00pm still has plenty of space. If you are feeling anxious about returning, why not consider attending a weekday Mass, Tuesday - Friday at 9.30am or Saturday morning at 10.00am. These Masses are quiet at the moment and might be an easier route back to worshipping in church again. The Holy Father's suspension of the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday remains in place. If you are attending, please arrive in good time - this helps our volunteer door stewards enormously and it will be easier for you to find a space. In the past year we have been blessed with new parishioners who have joined us, having moved into the area. A number of faithful Anglicans have also been making their spiritual communion with us, whilst they await the reopening of their churches. We have been pleased to have them with us. Do please offer a (socially distanced) welcome to any new faces you may see.

A reminder also, that the schedule for Mass is now back to normal. All Masses are open for attendance and all can also be viewed on line, live or at a later time for your convenience, via *You Tube*: St John Fisher Shepperton.

THANK YOU AGAIN - to Bing and Kevin Bachelor who have been out planting and digging borders over the past week. Thanks also to Jim McKeogh for his weeding of the car park area. Thank you to Kathy Sample, one of our regular volunteer cleaners, who went above and beyond the regular cleaning schedule by mopping the whole of the church as well - solo! Thank you to all who are working behind the scenes in various ways. All these tremendous efforts, give glory to God and make all the difference. Thank you.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May at 3.00pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website prior to the event.

www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

THE FOOD BANK BOX is situated in the church entrance porch. Thank you for your generosity, which is helping local people in need.

C-V PEPPER RIP: C-V's Funeral Mass will be at SJF this coming Wednesday, 21st April at 11.30am. Covid restrictions permit only 30 people to attend. If you had hoped to attend, you'll need to check with the family first for any available space. The Funeral Mass will also be live streamed. Please continue to pray for the repose of C-V's soul and for Christine his wife and for his family at this time.

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

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER: Thank you to all who have contributed so far for our new statue, in honour of the husband of the BVM. We have sourced a handsome second hand, statue, which is wooden, three feet in height and from a Convent. Once fully restored, painted and fitted to a plinth, the cost will be around £1,000. The statue will complement our existing statues in style and will be a fitting tribute, in this Year of St Joseph. If you would like to contribute, simply pop your donation into an envelope and write on the front 'statue donation'. If you are able to *Gift Aid* your donation, please use a special blue donation envelope available from the back of the church, completing the slip on the front. If we happen to raise more donations than we need, we'll set it aside for other church projects which contribute to the beautifying of our parish church. Thank you

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.

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.

REGISTRATION: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021
Please bear with us. Registration will be available shortly.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH?

The Old Testament: A guide for the Perplexed (see poster) A series of five Tuesday-evening talks on Zoom, commencing 20th April, by Fr John Deehan.

St Joseph at the Crossroads (see poster) A talk on Zoom for *The Year of Saint Joseph* by Fr John Hemer MHM, Thursday 29th April at 7.00pm.

Learn From Me – Support for Catechists (see poster) Part of the ongoing formation and support of catechists, a series of monthly 45-minute evening prayer times online, discovering the Saints and Blesseds of Catechesis, commencing on Thursday 6th May.

Let Us Dream – Easter Resource (see poster) Four sessions for groups or individuals, produced by the Spirituality Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks – some rich resources focused on Easter Glory: godwhospeaks.uk/easter-glory

Poster details of all these can be found on our microsite here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/faith-formation-initiatives/>

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Jim & Eileen. May this candlelight bring Easter Joy to all SJF parishioners

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh RIP
C V Pepper RIP, Mary Cotter RIP
(and for all who have died as a result of the pandemic)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward, Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly, Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith, Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones, Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose, Fr Anton Cowan

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD