



**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 ✘ 25 Apr	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm (on Sat-Vigil) 8.30am  10.30am</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish For Fr Alexander Lucie - Smith (25th anniversary of Ordination ) For Matilda, in thanksgiving for her family
Mon 26 Apr	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 27 Apr	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For Kitty Bale RIP and for her nieces, Sadie and Kitty RIP
Wed 28 Apr	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For C-V RIP
Thur 29 Apr	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin and Doctor	Mass 9.30am	For the people of Uganda
Fri 30 Apr	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For a private intention
Sat 01 May	St Joseph the Worker	Mass 10.00am	For Jim and Edie Farrell RIP
Sun ✘ 02 May	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm (on Sat - Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish Pro Populo - for the people of the parish Germano & Luzia Fernandes RIP

**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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**Our registered charity number is: 233699**

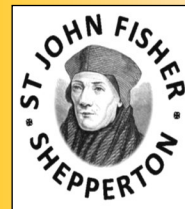


Sunday cycle  
Readings Year B

Weekday readings  
4th week of Easter

Divine Office  
Psalter Week 4

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



**Sunday 25th April 2021**

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS

### HOLY MASS THIS SUNDAY

"The Good Shepherd is one who  
lays down his life for his sheep."



**THIS SUNDAY** is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from St John, chapter 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his flock. A general theme to the scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising). The first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save. One of the results of the "power of his name" is that in him we are all God's children and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. Jesus said this before his Passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true and by his dying and rising, he has truly saved his flock.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### LITTLE CHURCH - FOR YOUNGSTERS

You may have seen on TV, a shepherd in the fields, with his dog running round in answer to his whistles, chasing the sheep into their places. This is NOT the sort of shepherd Jesus says he is today! Back in Jesus' day, hundreds of years ago, the shepherd actually lived with a flock of sheep (remember the shepherds of Bethlehem, when Jesus was born?), and when they were on the move the shepherd walked first, at the head of the flock. The sheep all followed him. This was so that the shepherd could look out for any danger (like wolves!) and protect the sheep. But this meant that a lazy or silly sheep could wander off and the shepherd would have to stop and find it again. So Jesus as our Good Shepherd doesn't stand still, whistling at dogs, but walk in front of us in life, facing the things we will face, and asking us to stay close and follow him!

Today is called Vocations Sunday. A "vocation" is a call from God to do some special work – like being a priest or a nun. Have you thought about what you want to be when you grow up?

**WELCOME TO SJF:** You may have noticed that a few things have changed, to enable us to remain Covid Secure. The Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses are becoming busy again, but the Sunday Vigil Mass, on Saturday evening at 6.00pm still has plenty of space. The Holy Father's suspension of the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday remains in place. If you are feeling anxious about returning, please consider attending a weekday Mass, Tuesday - Friday at 9.30am or Saturday morning at 10.00am instead. These Masses are very quiet at the moment, but an easier route back to worshipping again. When attending, on a Sunday, please arrive in good time - this helps our volunteer door stewards enormously. If we have used all our space, you will be asked to stand in the entrance area or outside. The toilets are not open for use at the moment. All Masses can also be viewed on line, live or at a later time for your convenience, via *You Tube*: St John Fisher Shepperton.

#### **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.

**REGISTRATION: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021**  
Registration forms are available in church and on line to print off at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/sacramental-prep/> Registration is for Catholic children in school year 3 and above, whose families usually attend Mass here. A parents meeting with catechists, Jean and Pir will be on Sunday 2nd May following the Mass at 10.30am. The first class will be on Tuesday 4th May. Further details are on the registration form.

**GRAFFITI:** you may recall that recently, we had graffiti removed, free of charge, from our church hall wall. Click on this 60 second video, to see how it was done: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeaRSVGUWZ4&authuser=0>

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

**SEMINARY:** Allen Hall in Chelsea is our local seminary. They have published their latest newsletter electronically which can be viewed here: [https://issuu.com/rcwestminster/docs/allen\\_hall\\_newsletter\\_-\\_easter\\_2021](https://issuu.com/rcwestminster/docs/allen_hall_newsletter_-_easter_2021)

**GOD CALLING:** The latest video for those interested in a vocation to the priesthood can be viewed here: [https://youtu.be/nP\\_u0A3S-q0](https://youtu.be/nP_u0A3S-q0)

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Our second (bucket) collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall, 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 priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of all our priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)  
Thank you very much.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY,** via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

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

**ST JOSEPH THE WORKER UPDATE:** Thank you to all who have contributed so far for our new statue, in honour of the husband of the BVM. As of Friday, we have raised £720 which is good news. Thank you. 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.

#### **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.

**MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** Hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark on Saturday 1st May at 11.30am. Celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan The Mass will be live streamed from St William of York, Catholic Church, Forest Hill. To live-stream the Mass, use this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/>

#### **WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH?**

**St Joseph at the Crossroads** A talk on Zoom for *The Year of Saint Joseph* by Fr John Hemer MHM, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

**Let Us Dream – Easter Resource** 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](http://godwhospeaks.uk/easter-glory)

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

**IN 2020** our Parish raised £1,531.29 through our Red Boxes and donations, going directly to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that our parishioners are supporting them through prayer and generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). The Spring magazine will be delivered to all Red Box holders over the next couple of weeks.

**COVID ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES:** since 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.

#### **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP**

is sponsored this week by Mrs Ana Amelia Dias in thanksgiving for her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren

#### **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**

