



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



Sat 03 Apr	Holy Saturday THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	<i>No morning Mass</i> 7.00pm and online	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Sun ✳ 04 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	8.30am and online 10.30am and online	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 05 Apr	Monday within the Octave of Easter	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
Tues 06 Apr	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
Wed 07 Apr	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	The Holy Rosary will be prayer in church at 9.30am	
Thur 08 Apr	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
Fri 09 Apr	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am –10.00am	
Sat 10 Apr	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
Sun ✳ 11 Apr	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am <i>and online</i>	For Patricia Morrison's Intentions For Winifred Sreenan RIP (Anniversary) For Private Intentions

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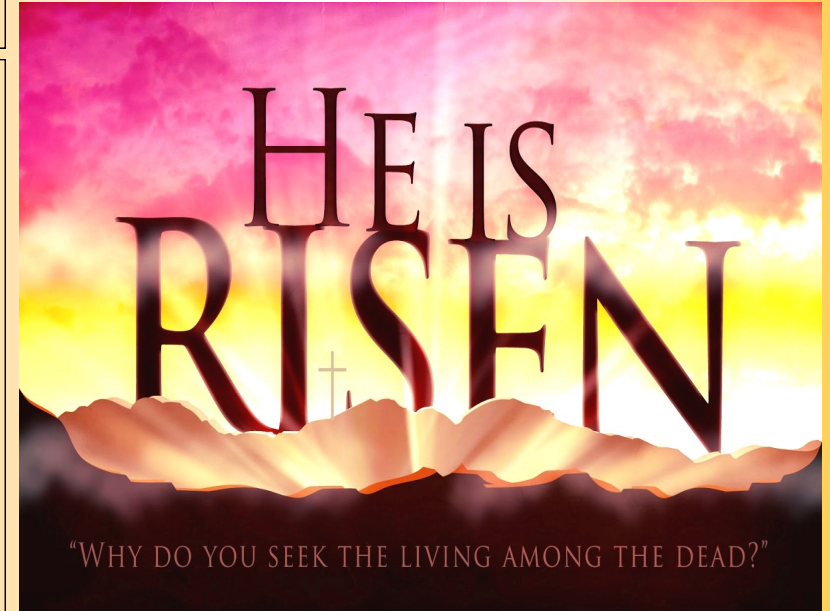


**Sunday 4th April 2021
EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION**

ALLELUIA

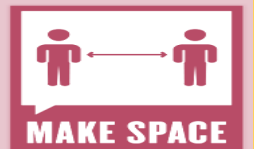
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Weekday readings
Easter Octave
Divine Office
Psalter as on
Easter Sunday

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



A HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

Today we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make, with her, a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty. He is Risen!



Because nobody is safe - until we are all safe

WELCOME to the Holy Mass today. During Easter Week (the Octave of Easter) every day is an 'Easter Sunday' and therefore a festival day to rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord. Alleluia! 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

HAPPY EASTER - THE LORD IS RISEN! We will not be operating a booking system for Masses, 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. At all Easter Masses, The Sequence and the Intercessions, which are usually said, are omitted for brevity. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises takes place after the homily, in place of the Creed, as is usual, though the sprinkling of Holy Water is currently suspended.

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.

A WEEKEND OF THANKS! It is wonderful, indeed a real blessing, to be able to celebrate the Risen Lord, Alleluia! Thank you to all, who even under Covid restrictions, have helped prepare the church for Holy Week and Easter, not least to Daphne our Sacristan who is a daily stalwart. Thank you also to the large number of stewards whose assistance, with great care, has been invaluable in keeping us Covid Secure and open! Thank you to Jean for arranging our beautiful Easter flowers and to our church cleaners who keep us cobweb free! Thank you to all who contributed to the liturgy over the past days

especially our readers and Bethany Friery who has, with the assistance of her husband Tim, provided some beautiful accompaniment for the liturgies. Wherever you have prayed with your community here, be that on line or in church, Thank you.

DID YOU SPOT our new papal flag flying as you arrived at Mass? Thank you to the parishioner who generously provided for the purchase of this. Thank you to another, who has provided for the cost of the new chasuble which Fr Shaun has been wearing for the Easter Masses. Do please check out the newly cleaned back wall of the church hall as you leave Mass today. The graffiti, which had evaded removal over a number of years, has finally been erased. Thank you to Mervin, Kevin Batchelor's son, who arranged for contractors to remove the graffiti, free of charge. If you have need of such cleaning services, we can give you the contractor's details.

A NEW STATUE FOR SJF: in this Year of St Joseph: a number of parishioners have mentioned the desire for a statue in honour of the husband of the BVM. In this year dedicated to his name, it would be good to rectify this. Statues of quality are expensive, but we have sourced a handsome second hand, statue of St Joseph the Worker, 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 would compliment our existing statues in style and would be a fitting tribute, in this Year of St Joseph. We'll start fundraising from next weekend. If you would like to contribute to this project, 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 next weekend), 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 and may St Joseph the Worker pray for us all.

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/>

FOOD BANK BOX UPDATE: Since we started the all year Food Bank deposit box, (situated in the church entrance porch), we have delivered over 50 full bags of food to the Food Bank in March. Thank you to Lyn, Jim and their merry band of helpers who look after your food contributions. Thank you for your generosity.

C V PEPPER RIP: Please continue to pray for the repose of C V's soul and for Christine his wife and for his family. C V's Funeral Mass will be at SJF on Wednesday 21st April at 11.30am. Covid restrictions permit only 30 people to attend. If you had hoped to attend, it is really important that you check with the family first to ensure space is available. The Funeral Mass, as with all Masses here, will be live streamed.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: LAY MINISTRY COORDINATOR at St Edmund's, Whitton. Coordinating parish evangelisation and the provision of catechesis. 24 hours per week. Permanent contract. Closing date: Tue, 13 April. Go to: <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS has a number of teaching (Primary Teacher - September 2021) and support staff (Finance Manager Summer 2021) vacancies. Further details on the website or please contact: recruitment@srrcc.org.uk

COVID ROADMAP FOR CHURCHES: 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 reimposed.

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. Thank you for supporting SJF in this way.

SPONSORING: If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament lamp by the Holy Tabernacle for your intentions, the cost is just £5. If you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All offerings directly support SJF church.

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 Week and Easter.

REGISTRATION: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021
Registration forms will be available on line and in church shortly. We are still working on a start date and the FHC Mass will likely take place in the Autumn. Families of Baptised children registering, should (ordinarily) be regular in attendance at Mass here at SJF. Look out for more info' soon.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: apologies for the delay in emailing your 'At Home' work, it will be on its way to you shortly. Keep the Faith!

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOYS aged 8-13 in year 2 or 3 who like to sing. Try out for the Westminster Cathedral Choir School. Check out: www.choirschool.com for information or Fr Shaun

THANK YOU... for your kind Easter wishes, gifts and cards, which have found their way to the Presbytery letter box. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. May the Risen Lord, bring us all hope, peace and good health this joyful Eastertide. Fr Shaun.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by E & J
for their 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 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