



**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 ☒ 09 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP For Veronica Sreenan RIP (anniversary) For Eileen Rowntree
Mon 10 May	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 11 May	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun is on leave	
Wed 12 May	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For the people of India
Thur ☒ 13 May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Mass 9.30am Mass 7.00pm	For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
Fri 14 May	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Mass 9.30am	For all souls in purgatory
Sat 15 May	Easter feria	Mass 10.00am Nuptial Mass 1.00pm (online & by invitation only)	For our First Holy Communion Children For Emma and Brendan
Sun ☒ 16 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the Owen Family For the people of the parish For C - V Pepper RIP

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of May. The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance, will work with governments, to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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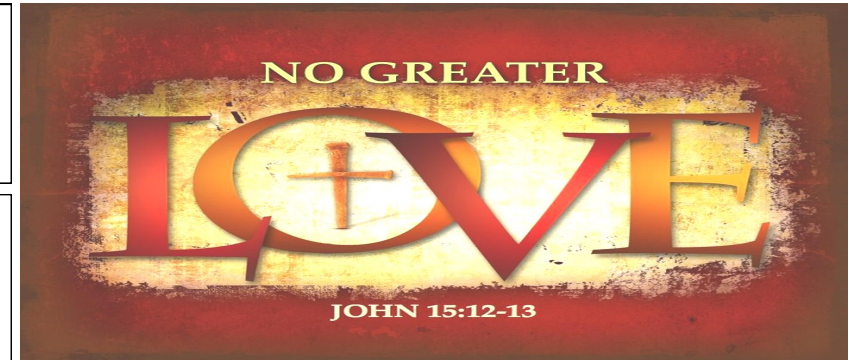
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**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



Sunday 9th May 2021

**6TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



**"A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends."**

In recent Sundays we have been exploring our relationship with the risen Lord Jesus – we have seen ourselves as sheep of his flock and branches of his vine. But today he presents to us a wonderful new image and title – we are his friends. The friendship of Jesus is a gift that we cannot overvalue: like true friends he wants to be close to us, to share our lives, our worries and our celebrations. He wants to help us when we need help. The friendship of Jesus explains the cross – no one could have greater love than to put themselves in the place of a friend facing danger or death. Jesus does this for us. How do we respond to the friendship of Jesus? By simply doing what he asks of us – keeping his commandments.

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS

It's great to have friends! They listen to us, and help us, and stick up for us, and do things for us when we are struggling. This is what Jesus wants to do for you and for me! To be our friend. If someone wants to be your friend you have to let them – we choose our friends. So we have to say "yes" to the friendship of Jesus, and let him into our lives. We do this by thinking about him, praying, and being kind. This is the start of our friendship with him.

WELCOME to SJF, as we continue to celebrate 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. All of our Masses are open to the public and can also be seen on line, just go to **You Tube** and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area.

If you are feeling uneasy about returning to Mass why not think about attending a weekday Mass, Tuesday - Friday at 9.30am or Saturday morning at 10.00am instead? These Masses are quiet and an easier route back to worshipping again. When attending on a Sunday, please arrive in good time and remember to use a face covering. We are still required, for the time being, to collect details for NHS Track and Trace. If we have used all our space, you will be asked to stand in the entrance area or outside for the Mass.

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.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH: We join with Mary in our celebrations of the Resurrection of the Lord this month. The image of our Blessed Lady, in church, has been crowned as usual. The Rosary will return to our schedules as soon as possible, but for the time being you might, during this month of the Mother of God, pray the Rosary at home. Please pray a special intention, for an end to the Pandemic around the world.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Masses for this wonderful Solemnity, this coming Thursday will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm.

Please note there are no Masses on Monday or Tuesday this coming week at SJF

PLEASE PRAY: for our First Holy Communion children who have now started their classes. This is an exciting and important step on their journey of faith, as Catholic Christians. Please also pray for Jean and Pir who are their Catechists.

GREAT WORK! The Jubilee Food Bank is currently

well stocked. Thank you for all of your kind donations of food. For the time being, we will be collecting food to take to the Manna Food Bank on your behalf. Thank you for your generosity.

OUR ST JOSEPH THE WORKER STATUE will be ready for us in August. Thank you to all who have contributed so far for our new statue, in honour of the husband of the BVM. 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.

THY KINGDOM COME 13th – 23rd May Taps into the Pentecost Novena, traditionally prayed by Catholics from Ascension to Pentecost, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *Thy Kingdom Come* offers us the opportunity to pray alongside our brothers and sisters from other Christian denominations, for people to come closer to Christ. We can do this using the prayers of our own tradition, by going to Mass, or exploring other Catholic forms of prayer. It is hoped that this will inspire and enable practising Catholics to pray for evangelisation – specifically praying for five members of their family or friends to come closer to Christ – as they pray '*Thy Kingdom Come*' from the Ascension to Pentecost.

Pentecost Novena: A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost. This resource is available as a download, booklet, or podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

Journey with Mary: This special playlist has been created for us to journey with Mary from Ascension to Pentecost. What would we say, or share with Mary? <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/journey-with-mary/>

For Families: There are some delightful resources to help families, particularly those with young children praying *Thy Kingdom Come*. To explore what is on offer please click below; <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

TEACHING POST: St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School, Twickenham are recruiting for a

KS2 Primary School Teacher. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr> or recruitment@srrcc.org.uk

CORONAVIRUS is bringing shocking devastation across India. CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give Please keep on praying for the people of India and for all those affected by the pandemic in the UK and across the world.

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

LAST WEEK we opened our hall for use as a Polling Station for the local elections. Thank you to Cathy Sample who kindly helped to make the hall ready. The hall is not open for groups yet or for bookings, or for use of the toilets, but this is a small step in our preparations to open.

HOLY BAPTISM. Most families awaiting Holy Baptism will now have dates in their diaries. If you are still waiting for a date, please contact us. Parents should be attending Mass at SJF before requesting this important Sacrament for their children.

There are three short videos which are great for helping parents to prepare (whilst we are not

meeting for preparation in person). These videos are also helpful to those who want to understand their own Baptism more fully. Video 1 - The Delivery Room. Video 2 - Soul Bath. Video 3 - Letters to your children, your hopes and dreams for them. Each video is about 5 mins long: the link is here: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/baptism/starting-point-program-view.html>

SUPPORTING BY 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 week. If you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All your offerings directly support our church. Thank you.

GETTING THE JAB: A vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster - for those who are unsure about getting vaccinated. It's on Sat. 15th May at 10.00am. It will feature a panel of eminent medical experts and share the latest information on the COVID19 jab. There will be an opportunity to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar go to: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Use the Passcode: 546617. The Holy Father, Pope Francis and the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have all endorsed the vaccines and encourage us all to get the jab, not just for ourselves, but for the wellbeing of our families and friends and nation too.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by
Marian Miranda — for a private intention

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

(and for all who have died as a result of the pandemic)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MAY

Fr John O'Sullivan, Ella Mary Butterworth, Elsie Curley, Peter Johnson, Alice (Nita) Manning, Mollie Pugh, Jeanne Diekmann, Joe D'Souza, Tom Ray, David Weathers, Bartley Keady, Dorothy Price, Linzi Geddes, Joan King, Daphne Dodd, Kitty Brett, Terry Quinn, Kathleen Johnson

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

