



**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 ✖ 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
Mon 17 May	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF - Fr Shaun off duty	
Tues 18 May	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For Matilda's Family
Wed 19 May	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For the people of the Parish
Thur 20 May	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For Albert Reed RIP
Fri 21 May	Easter feria	Mass 9.30am	For the unemployed in Uganda
Sat 22 May	Easter feria	Mass 10.00am	For Tony Hill RIP
Sun ✖ 23 May	PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.00pm (Sat Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	For the People of the Parish For Jeanne Diekman RIP For Alan Cook who is ill

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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Sunday 16th May 2021

**7TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday readings
7th week of Easter

Divine Office
Psalter Week 3

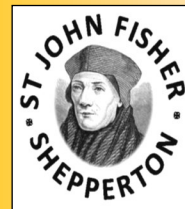


Our Gospel this Sunday is part of the so-called "priestly prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper: in it, he prays for us – the Church – the night before his Passion. This prayer of Jesus was not just offered on that one night: it is his constant prayer to his heavenly Father, at whose right hand he now reigns, while also remaining here with us. The Church is not just a human institution, but the Body of Christ, he the head and we the members. His prayer is our prayer, offered for us. Today let us rejoice in the constant prayer of Jesus for us, his friends, the Church, and pray that though we must live and work in this world, we will not belong to it, but may have hearts and minds set on the Kingdom of Heaven. May the promised Spirit be renewed in us!

LITTLE CHURCH - FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS

Have you ever felt a bit grumpy because mum and dad tell you not to do something, or not to go somewhere, or lay down rules for you to follow? They probably do all of this because they want to protect you, not because they want to spoil your fun! Sometimes we all (grownups included!) need someone to tell us what's right and wrong, what's safe and not. This is what Jesus does today: he prays for all his friends, so that they may be safe, be joyful, and be united in his truth. Let's say our own thank you to Jesus today, for praying for us!

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF ST JOHN FISHER**



WELCOME to St John Fisher Church. 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.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Emma Fitzpatrick and Brendan O'Shea who celebrated the Holy Sacrament of Marriage, here on Saturday. May the Lord bless them with a long and fruitful union together.

If you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, either here or elsewhere in the future, our church and Diocese require six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. If you are intending to marry abroad, many countries require Catholics to have received all three Initiation Sacraments before agreeing to marry. i.e. Baptism, First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation.

NEXT WEEKEND we celebrate Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. The Priest at Mass wears red vestments to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the people of the Church. Feel free to wear something red next

weekend and join in the celebrations. **Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people!**

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>

FROM CHRISTINE PEPPER: Just a brief note of thanks for all the prayers, cards of condolence and Masses offered in memory of C - V. The whole family have been very moved by the immense kindness of parishioners. Thank you all so much. You may know that Diabetes UK is a charity which was very close to C - V and to our whole family. We supported the charity on the day of C-V's funeral. If you would like the opportunity to make a donation in his memory, there is still time. The simplest route for donations to Diabetes UK is either a cheque marked in memory of Charles-Vincent Pepper on the back or online to Lodge Brothers

Shepperton, scroll down to donations page and enter his name in full. Alternatively: love2donate.co.uk//inmemory/identify. Thank you.

THE GREAT SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI is fast approaching on Sunday 6th June. The annual Quarant'Ore (40 hours) at our Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from Thur 3rd June - Sat 5th June. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7.00am until Midnight. Go to maidenlane.org.uk/forty for more information.

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.

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thank you to all who attended the Masses for the Ascension of the Lord

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEKEND

Giving loose in the plate: £140.70
Giving using offertory envelopes: £279.41
Giving through the bank: this figure will be published next week
Thank you for supporting SJF church

last Thursday. It was lovely to see familiar faces returning to Mass again.

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.

HOLY BAPTISM: It is wonderful to hear from parents who would like their children to grow up with the support of the Catholic Church and are desirous of Holy Baptism for their babies and youngsters. At least one parent should be a Catholic and attending Mass at SJF before requesting this important Sacrament for their children.

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored for all Catholic Priests and in thanksgiving for Fr Shaun our own Parish Priest.

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

