



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

Sun ☒ 13 Mar	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Maria Seto RIP For Ivy Kyne RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 14 Mar	Lent feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 15 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joy McQuade RIP
Wed 16 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Reg & Rita Day RIP (Wedding Anniversary)
Thur 17 Mar	ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	Mass at 9.30am	For the departed of the Mullahey Family
Fri 18 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the people of Ukraine
Sat 19 Mar	ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese	Mass at 10.00am	For Daphne Argent - on her birthday
Sun ☒ 20 Mar	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Fr Tom Quinn RIP (Former Priest of this Parish) For CV Pepper RIP - first anniversary

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

Exposition and Benediction: on Fridays 10.00am –10.30am (Eucharistic Adoration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

Prayer request box: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

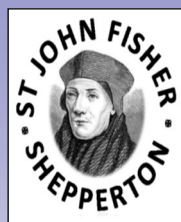
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**Sunday 13th March 2022
2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday Readings
Lent Week 2
Divine Office
Psalter Week 2



The readings for this weekend point to faith. We need faith in God's promises. Abram, in the first reading, had faith in God. Abram was told "Look up to heaven and count the stars, if you can. Such will be your descendants ." It was daytime. He wouldn't have seen anything, but he had faith in God.

God's glory is always present in our lives. Sometimes we are too attached to our own expectations, or our stereotypes of others, to see it. We can sometimes be too set in our own ways, to let God transform us. Let go and reach out for him, so that others will see God's glory, shining out of you.

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



CAFOD has launched its Ukraine appeal.
Please consider donating through them.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>



WELCOME to this Holy Season of Lent. It's a season of fasting, praying and giving. The Church has now moved into a different, penitential mood, with the hanging of purple banners and a change in the Gospel acclamation. We save the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria*, the flowers and brighter vestments for the celebrations at Easter. During Lent we proclaim the Apostles' Creed, in place of the Nicene Creed and we are now able to resume the praying of the Intercessions at Mass, the Prayer of the Faithful. This follows the Creed. We begin our Lenten journey by examining our lives and by honestly looking at our practice of the faith. We are reminded that Lent is not just about what we give up, it's about what we take up and who we will become!

CAFOD THANKS: Thank you to all who took part in the Family Fast Day, last Friday. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church to support this worthwhile Catholic Charity. Please deposit your donations in the **RED BUCKET** at the front of the church. Thank you to all who have supported this so far.

JOY MCQUADE RIP The Funeral Mass for Joy will be at SJF on Tuesday 5th April at 1.00pm. We pray for Joy and for the repose of her soul. We pray also for her husband Brian and for the whole family who survive her. Eternal rest grant to Joy, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

LITTLE CHURCH: We invite children who are in year four at school and below, to attend Little Church at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Parents are welcome to join their child in Little Church, until they are confident to attend by themselves.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? We are still looking for more parishioners to join our Counting Teams. They count the weekly collection on a Wednesday morning for about 30/40 minutes,

ready for banking in Weybridge. Can you help with either counting or banking? Might this be your offering of time and talent to the Church, just once a month? Please speak with Daphne or Fr Shaun, if you would like more information.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: These commence in church each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm. Last year we were unable to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus, due to Covid restrictions. We look forward to welcoming you to this quiet meditative encounter with the Lord.

FADING LIGHT: You may have noticed that the florescent light bulbs in church are starting to fail. These will shortly be replaced by new, low energy bulbs. We are planning to upgrade the lighting in the Sanctuary area also, but this will come later.

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, by the entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support, especially at the moment.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY have announced the launch of a new online newspaper, with the support of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. You can order a digital, 4 weeks, **free** trial, by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or by emailing her at: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

SERVING THE LORD: Altar Servers have started to return to the Sanctuary for the weekend Masses. It is wonderful to see. All children and young people who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to become Altar Servers. Please let Fr Shaun know, if you are interested, so that we can arrange a practice.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
(For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home)
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.

THE FRIENDS: The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in Organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST CONSULTATION: A consultation process has been initiated regarding the acquisition of academy status and forming the Ascension Catholic Academy Trust. The proposed Catholic Academy Trust will initially comprise of the following schools:

- Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School (Staines-upon-Thames)
- St Ignatius Catholic Primary School (Sunbury-on-Thames)
- St Michael Catholic Primary School & Nursery (Ashford)
- St Paul's Catholic College (Sunbury-on-Thames)
- St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School (Twickenham)
- St Richard Reynolds Catholic College (Twickenham)

This does not mean the schools have decided to convert to an Academy, but that they wish to seek the views of our community to inform the final decision. A questions and answers consultation leaflet (FAQ) is available on St. Paul's Catholic College website.

<https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/academy>
If you would like to contribute your views to the consultation, please use the email address: consultation@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

HEAT OR EAT? Help those facing this choice. Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022

This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week for the people of Ukraine - may peace be restored and aggressors be defeated .

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Joy McQuade RIP
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MARCH
Denis Ryan, E.J. Cane, Kathleen Sweet, Rose Ryan, Fr Charles Connor, John Ohlson, Victoria Roberts, Patricia Macklin, Mary O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, Lynn Guevara, Maureen Mitchell, Eileen Tams, Helen Bool, Brian Duffy, Matthew Sawyer, Jane Birmingham, C.V. Pepper, Mary Cotter.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? The Church is responding, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can find these by the church entrance . You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate £174
Giving using offertory envelopes £244
Giving by bank standing order and via the card machine was £651 weekly during January. The card machine for contactless giving is located in the church entrance area. Thank you all.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
St Patrick -17th March, this coming Thursday
St Joseph -19th March, this coming Saturday
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March
First Holy Communion Mass - Sat 26th March
Palm Sunday – Holy Week commences 10th April
Maundy Thursday - 14th April
Good Friday - 15th April
Holy Saturday - 16th April
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 17th April
Celebration Mass for RCIA Class of 2022, 28th April

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD