



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

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
Mon 21 Mar	Lent feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 22 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Mary Cotter RIP - 1st anniversary
Wed 23 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For departed members - O'Malley family
Thur 24 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the people of Ukraine
Fri 25 Mar	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Mass at 9.30am	For David Salter RIP
Sat 26 Mar	Lent feria FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	No 10.00am Mass Mass at 11.00am	For children making their FHC
Sun ✘ 27 Mar BST Begins	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) Mothering Sunday	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Adrian Franke who is ill For the People of Ukraine

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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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 20th March 2022 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Whoever thinks he
is standing secure
should take care
not to fall.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:12

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"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C.

Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events, to illustrate his point about sin and sorrow. There is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent and show remorse, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit and so it is with us. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is meant as a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.



CAFOD has launched its Ukraine appeal. Please donate through them.
<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>



WELCOME to this Holy Season of Lent. It's the season of fasting, praying and giving. This news letter gives you some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Have a good weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: Next Saturday at 11.00am, our children will make their First Holy Communion. This is a day of great importance for our children and for their families. Please keep them all in your prayers at this time. As a result of this Mass, there will be no 10.00am Saturday Morning Mass. All other Masses over the weekend remain unchanged.

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.



DON'T FORGET: The clocks spring forward one hour to British Summer Time next Sunday - 27th March.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY THANK YOU, to all who supported the Fast Day this year. The total raised so far is £222. If you would like to support this important cause, donation envelopes are still available from the table by the church entrance.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March
First Holy Communion Mass - Sat 26th March
Mothering Sunday - 27th 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 - RCIA Class of 2022, 28th April

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

STRUGGLING WITH BILLS? If you or a family you know, are struggling to pay heating bills, please contact National Energy Action. Their Warm and Safe Homes helpline, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10am-12pm, to support people with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

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 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.

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.



with P&O Ferries, Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) are holding an online panel discussion on 23rd March from 7.30pm to 9pm. The panel will discuss the impact of recent events and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting seafarers. Join the discussion here: www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation

SHIPPING has become more efficient, but what does this mean for the seafarers working on ships? On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given grounding in the Suez Canal, and now the recent controversy

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.

SERVING THE LORD: Altar Servers are returning to the Sanctuary for the weekend Masses. It is good to see. All children and young people who have made their First Holy Communion can become Altar Servers. Please let Father Shaun know, via email if possible, if you are interested.

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.

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 Primary School (Staines)
St Ignatius Catholic Primary School (Sunbury)
St Michael Catholic Primary & Nursery (Ashford)
St Paul's Catholic College (Sunbury-)
St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School & 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 consultation leaflet 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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week for those preparing to receive the Holy Sacraments this coming Eastertide.

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

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £162
Giving using offertory envelopes £122
Giving through bank Standing Orders: Feb: £2255.33/4 = £563.83/week
The card machine for contactless giving is located in the church entrance area. Thank you all.

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Thank you to all parishioners for supporting the successful planned giving and Gift Aid envelope scheme over the years and especially during the Pandemic. So many of you have now kindly changed to Standing Orders. The weekly envelopes, which we have printed annually have become very expensive, and have a minimum print run. These will be discontinued from the beginning of April. If this causes anyone any concern, please drop me an email. I will be happy to discuss the best option for your kind offerings.

Standing orders can be set up through the parish office or directly with your bank and can be changed or stopped by you at any time. Alternatively, you can Gift Aid donations through the blue one-off envelopes, available at the back of the church, by adding your details and ticking the 'offertory' box. Additionally, we can claim Gift Aid on a percentage of small donations (under £30) given through the loose plate or contactless card machine. I can be contacted on email here: sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk
Thank you for your generosity to SJF Church. Traci, Parish Bookkeeper.