



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

Sun ☒ 27 Mar	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
Mon 28 Mar	Lent feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 29 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For C. Lynn & Lorraine Babcock RIP
Wed 30 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Maisie Burke RIP
Thur 31 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Gavril Pista RIP
Fri 01 April	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the People of Ukraine
Sat 02 April	Lent feria	Mass at 10.00am	For those who work under harsh conditions
Sun ☒ 03 April	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo for the people of the Parish For May & Ken Gardner RIP For Gurinda Kaur RIP

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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Weekday Readings
Lent Week 4
Divine Office
Psalter Week 4

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 27th March 2022 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday



As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation". This is just as the Israelites opened themselves to the New Creation of the Promised Land, when under Joshua they ended their sojourn in the wilderness after forty years of hardship, and began to eat of the produce of the country. It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.

EMERGENCY
Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal



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



SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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.

JOY MCQUADE RIP The Funeral Mass for Joy will be at SJF on Tuesday 5th April at 1.00pm.

Followed by a Reception/Light buffet at Harcourts, London Street, KT16 8AJ. (on-street parking on Pound Road or Abbey Road) If you have any memories to share, the family would be

very glad to receive these through Mark McQuade (son) m@mmcq.co.uk 07504 004347. If you are willing to tell your memories, the family would also like to record these at the reception., following the Funeral Mass. At the request of the family, no flowers please, but donations in Joy's memory may be made to Princess Alice Hospice (www.pah.org.uk/donate) please select "My donation... is in memory of someone" and insert Mrs Joy McQuade KT16 8AJ Or to Sierra Leone War Trust for Children (SLWT) <https://www.justgiving.com/slwat>

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 have now returned to the Sanctuary. 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.

A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates available. To request an intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

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.

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES AT ST RICHARDS REYNOLDS SCHOOL:

Teacher of Design Technology (closing date Monday 18th March)
2x Site Assistants ((closing date Monday 18th March)
Casual Scribes and Readers to support pupils during GCSE exams in May /June. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week for all mothers, living and departed, in thanksgiving.

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 £84

Giving using offertory envelopes £157

Giving through bank Standing Orders during February: £2255.33/4 = £563.83/week

Please check from time to time, the Standing Order on your Bank Statement, to ensure that it is still active. Thank you for the support you give.

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.

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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY is an ancient title given to this Sunday - midway through Lent. It is traditionally the day that the faithful would go to visit (would go a mothering), to the mother church of their Baptism. Nowadays this weekend is also used as an occasion to give thanks for our mothers, living and departed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FHC CLASS OF 2022, who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Thank you to all who helped, assisted, prayed, sung or took photographs at the Mass, your kindness is much appreciated. We are indebted not least to, Jean Johnston and Pir Lavery who have prepared our children, over the past months. Now the baton of faith is passed back to our parents, to continue to nurture the faith in our youngsters. Well done to: Havana, Henry, James, Mason, Oliver, Phoebe, Ruby, Seren, Shaun and Stanley.

CONGRATULATIONS We offer our warmest congratulations to Bernard Lavery, who was awarded on Saturday, his postgraduate Masters Degree, in Leadership in Catholic Education.

LAST FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH, the Holy Father, in Rome, consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Act of Consecration was made in each of the Diocesan Cathedrals across England and Wales. Please continue to pray for peace.

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.