



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

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
Mon 04 April	Lent feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 05 April	Lent feria <b>Funeral Mass</b>	Mass at 9.30am <b>1.00pm</b>	For Nora Burke RIP <b>For Joy McQuade RIP</b>
Wed 06 April	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the people of Ukraine
Thur 07 April	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Nechama Argent RIP (birthday)
Fri 08 April	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the intentions of Fintan O'Malley
Sat 09 April	Lent feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Michael Greehy RIP
Sun ☒ 10 April	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

**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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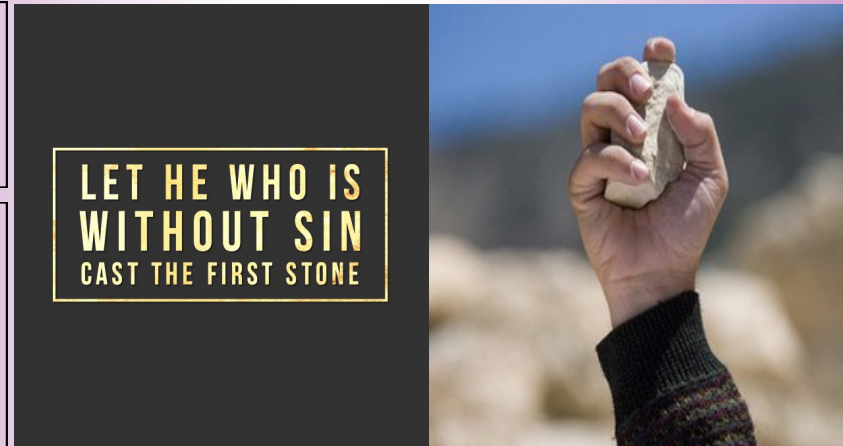


Sunday cycle  
Readings Year C  
Weekday Readings  
Lent Week 5  
Divine Office  
Psalter Week 1

**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**Sunday 3rd April 2022  
5TH SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent, remind us that God sees us in our weakness and suffering and saves us. The first reading tells us not to look at the past, but to see that a new way is possible. The psalm tells of sorrow turning to joy. In the second reading St Paul explains that we must let go of what we valued, to pursue life in Christ. And in the Gospel, Jesus confronts the crowd who are about to stone the woman, caught in adultery.

These readings call us to change our hearts. We might think our virtue and the Law of God empower us to judge others who don't seem to be getting it right. But in the Gospel, Jesus shows us another way. The woman did indeed break the rules. There is no denial of that. And there is no talk of the circumstances or why she did it. But Jesus believes in second chances, even when the Law does not offer them.

Both the crowd and the woman have strayed from the heart of God and his Law. We often do the same. Like the woman caught in adultery, we might ignore God's commands and do as we please. Or like the crowd, we might use the Law to draw a line between "us" and "them", desiring punishment and suffering for those who don't measure up.

A good chant for this gospel might be "Forgive her - but change me."

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY**



**WELCOME** to Mass. 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. Have a good weekend.

#### **THE VEILING OF IMAGES & STATUES IN CHURCH**

There is a significant change in the appearance of our church, from the 5th Sunday of Lent. The crucifix and statues are now veiled and remain covered until the First Mass of Easter. Only the Stations of the Cross remain visible, for devotion. The veiling, with purple material makes us stop and ask - Why this emptiness? Why this sombre purple? The purpose of veiling is to help us to refocus, to create a wilderness in our lives which is free from distractions, even for just for an hour at Mass. In this brief wilderness, we pray that we may discover a closeness with God, more vividly, more strongly and more perfectly than before.

#### **A NOTE FOR OUR INTREPID WEDNESDAY**

**COLLECTION COUNTERS:** Please could we meet for about half an hour on Wednesday 6th April at 10.00am, in the sacristy, to run through the cash sheet and discuss the latest changes to our collection? (No more envelopes!) Some of you may remember Richard Robinson came out to do something similar a few years ago. This time I will try to run through it and answer any questions you might have. Many thanks.  
Traci, Parish Bookkeeper.

**WE ARE BLESSED** with a small but dedicated team of volunteers who lovingly clean our church. It is dispiriting for them to have to clean away gum which has been chewed during the Holy Mass and stuck under the benches. This is horrible for other parishioners, sitting in these spaces and is discourteous. Please, care for your church, and help those, who voluntarily keep this holy place clean.

**CONGRATULATIONS** if you are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage, either here or elsewhere, in the near future. The diocese requires six months notice for pastoral and administrative paperwork to be completed. Clergy deal with large amounts of paperwork for couples, so it is important that proper notice is given. Please note that 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. Marriage preparation courses are mandatory for Catholic marriage and courses are run throughout the diocese. See: <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/>

**HOLY BAPTISM** Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

#### **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>

**TOILETS** in the church hall are available for use when the church is open for Mass. Please access them via the outside route, using the hall front door, rather than through the sacristy. Thank you

**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 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 this coming 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](mailto: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](http://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/slwt>

**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.

**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.

**EARLY** copies (and back copies) of this Newsletter can be viewed on the web. Just type *RCDOW/Shepperton* into your web search engine.

#### **NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR HAVE CHANGED**

**CONTACT DETAILS?** Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. Thank you.

#### **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

is sponsored this week by the Obertelli Family, for the repose of the soul of Antonio Obertelli on the 12th anniversary of his death (6.4.2010)  
Eternal rest grant to him O Lord

#### **PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

##### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL**

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward,  
Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly,  
Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith,  
Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones,  
Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose,  
Fr Anton Cowan.

##### **ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns close to the Tabernacle, It costs just £5 for the whole week. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention.

**DIGNITY OF WORK:** The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available to them. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online 'Stepping Stones' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a Dignified Work Champion in your parish or outreach project. This programme has been funded by the St John Southworth Fund. More information and registration [www.tinyurl.com/workchampions](http://www.tinyurl.com/workchampions) The programme will start after Easter, the deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate £109  
Giving using offertory envelopes £118  
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.

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