



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

☩ Sun 24 April	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For an end to the war in Ukraine Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Ian's 90th Birthday
Mon 25 April	ST MARK, Evangelist	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 26 April	ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England	Mass at 9.30am	For Pat Jones RIP
Wed 27 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Carolyn Conlan RIP
Thur 28 April	Easter Feria RCIA	No 9.30am Mass Mass at 7.30pm	For those being Received into the Full Communion with the Catholic Church
Fri 29 April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Matilda, in thanksgiving
Sat 30 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Rose Keen & Jack Smith – who are to marry today
☩ Sun 01 May	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Terence Diekmann - In thanksgiving For Gavin Boyle RIP

☩ = Holy Day of Obligation

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: situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

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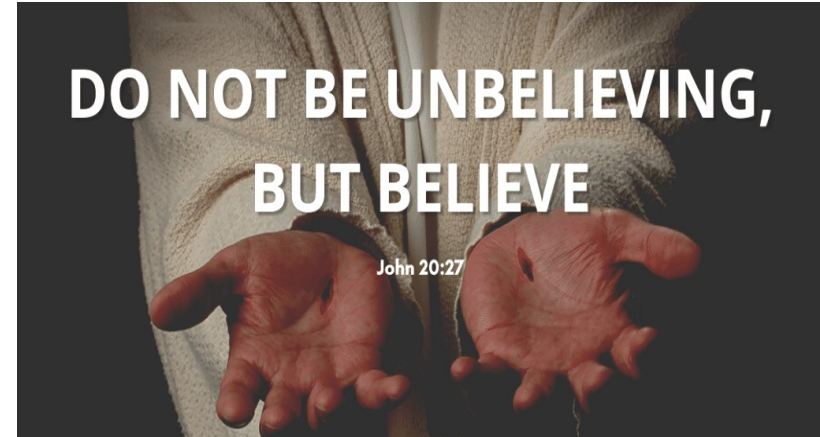


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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 24th April 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses.

We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

On this second Sunday of Easter, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem after the Resurrection, with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours, as we listen to the account.

☩ ALLELUIA ☩ HE IS RISEN

HAPPY EASTER— THE LORD IS RISEN!

WE WELCOME Fr Sidon from St Michael's Church, in Ashford, who will be celebrating the weekend Masses. Fr Shaun, will be back from leave next week.

THIS SUNDAY is 'Divine Mercy Sunday' and is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion mystically given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins.

CELEBRATION MASS - this coming Thursday, 28th April at 7.30pm. You are warmly invited to attend this Holy Mass to celebrate those who are being Received into the Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Our six catechumens/candidates have been preparing and studying over the past 20 weeks on the RCIA programme. Please come to the Mass to support them as they receive the Sacraments to welcome them into the Church. Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass at SJF on this day.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS is back after the Easter Bank Holiday. Children's Mass sheets and Mass cards are also available at the back of the church.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE Our new energy efficient lights have been fitted. Enormous thanks to Keiron and Ken who carried out the high level work. Thanks also to Tim who sourced the new lights and who was able to get a discounted rate on costs. We are planning to upgrade the lighting in the Sanctuary area also, but this will come later. You might also have noticed that St Joseph is now enthroned. Thank you to Pawel who made the new floating throne and to his work colleagues who carried out the fixing. To all our helpers - thank you. You help to make our holy church the place it is.

REGISTRATION NEWS - Registration forms are available to collect from the back of the church for preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. The Course will begin in the Church hall on Thursday 5th May at 7.00pm and is open

to young people in years 9 & 10 who come to Mass at SJF and who have received their other initiation Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. The Registration Period ends 1st May. Please return your forms to the office asap.

EASTER HOLY WATER This was blessed during the Easter Vigil and is available from the Holy Water dispenser which is next to the St John Fisher statue.

THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES have been celebrated fully at SJF for the first time since Covid began in 2020. But as you know, these Masses and Liturgies don't just happen. A very small number of people give many hours of their time to provide what we sometimes don't give a second thought about. Thank you to all who helped to prepare over Holy Week and into our Easter celebrations. Special thanks to our Sacristans who have prepared, cleaned & polished their way through the past week. Thanks also to our flower arrangers, altar servers, readers, musicians and singers, and those who stepped up to help out when needed, at the 11th hour. If you helped in any way, your kindness is much appreciated.

THE EASTER CHURCH OFFERINGS: Thank you if you made an offering via the Easter envelopes, or loose in the plate. The offerings collection at Easter goes to the Diocese, to help make up the annual stipend (wage) given to the priests who celebrate Mass here during the year. These Easter (and Christmas) offerings are not given directly to the clergy in this parish. However, thank you also, for the Easter cards and personal gifts given to me this Easter, your kindness is much appreciated. Fr Shaun

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.

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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Have you booked yet? The Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place 22th-29th July this year. If you are interested, brochures and application forms are available in the Church porch.

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.

FANTASTIC NEWS! The Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes, who witnessed the apparitions of our Blessed Lady, are coming to Shepperton! Our church will be part of the National Tour. This is a massive honour for SJF and we are grateful to the Cardinal for agreeing to Shepperton being part of the itinerary. The Relics will arrive here for an overnight vigil on Tuesday 6th September. More details will follow. Thank you to Bernard Lavery who petitioned the Cardinal on behalf of our parish. We can expect many visitors for this historic event in the life of St John Fisher Church.

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

OUR CHURCH is a friendly place, but it's easy to reach out to those we already know. Over

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

is sponsored this week
for the people of Ukraine

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

Easter tide there may well be visitors and people returning after some time away. A smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference and pointing out where Mass sheets are can be invaluable. Thank you.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although they are not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens can ease a burden. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or 0800 448 0704

