



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

☒ Sun 15 May	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Eric - RIP
Mon 16 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 17 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Harry Warman RIP & Charles Dredge RIP
Wed 18 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Vincent O'Toole RIP
Thur 19 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the Sreenan Family
Fri 20 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Michael Parker RIP
Sat 21 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For the people of Ukraine
☒ Sun 22 May	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jeanne Diekmann RIP For Robin Blackford — intentions

☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

All Masses are also streamed online via YouTube: St John Fisher Shepperton

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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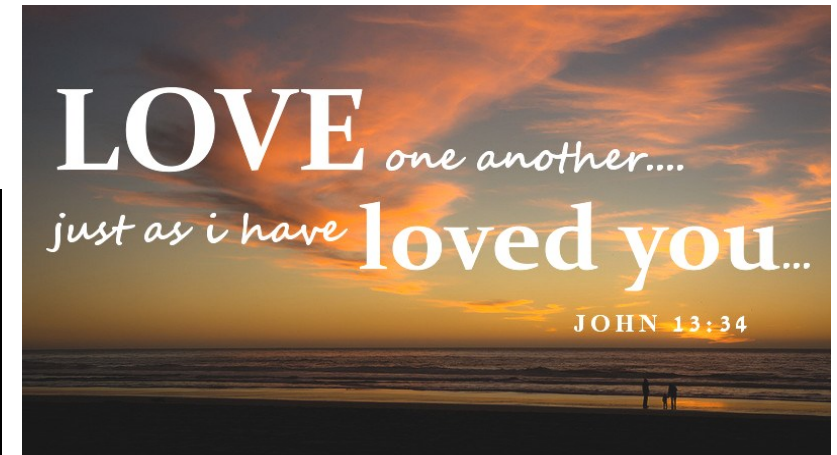
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Psalter Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 15th May 2022

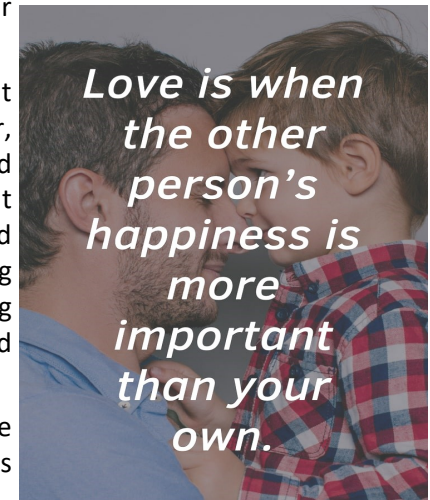
5th Sunday
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We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, love one another, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost.

Jesus could have spoken about many things at this point. Fear, betrayal, disappointment would all have been appropriate. But instead Jesus speaks of love and service. His trust in his loving Father allows him to be strong against the evil and hatred which surround him.

This new commandment to love is the Lord's parting gift to his Church.



WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton.

This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available at the back of the church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun.

WE WELCOME THIS WEEKEND: Fr Michael Tuck, who prior to retirement was Parish Priest at St Ignatius, Sunbury. Fr Michael is covering the weekend Masses whilst Fr Shaun is away at a family 80th birthday celebration.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We hope to have a final total of funds raised next week. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, remembering that vocations begin in the home as we teach our youngsters the faith. For more information go to www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations

RETURNING TO SJF: The Catholic Bishops' Conference have last week released a statement about returning to Mass for Pentecost. If you are feeling anxious about returning to worship again, try coming to Mass on a weekday morning. Our weekday attendance numbers at Mass have not recovered as yet, since before the pandemic, so there is plenty of space and this is a good route back, to being with the Lord at Mass. If you feel you need more space, the Saturday evening Vigil for Sunday at 6.00pm and the 8.30am Sunday Mass are also still at pre pandemic numbers and therefore less busy. Face coverings are no longer mandatory in church but you are welcome to continue to wear a covering if you wish. Our new supply of face coverings is nearly exhausted— we have used up more in the past month than for the past 3 months combined. If you wish to wear a covering please bring one to Mass with you. We will not be reordering coverings once our current stock has been used up. The hand sanitisers will remain for the time being. A copy of the Bishops' statement is available from the back of the church, it is also available on line. It is lovely to see people returning once more to Mass - you have been missed. Our live streaming of our Masses will continue on YouTube.

PLEASE PRAY for our Confirmation students and catechists over the coming weeks, as they prepare for their third initiation Sacrament, Holy Confirmation.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING MASS

The Thanksgiving Mass will now be on the new date of Sunday 12th June at 10.30am, The Most Holy Trinity. Apologies for the date change.

LITTLE CHURCH at the 10.30am Sunday Mass continues. Children's weekly Mass sheets and Mass cards are also available at the back of the church. Parents are welcome to join their child in Little Church, until they are confident to attend by themselves.

DIARY DATES:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — Thursday 26th May, Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

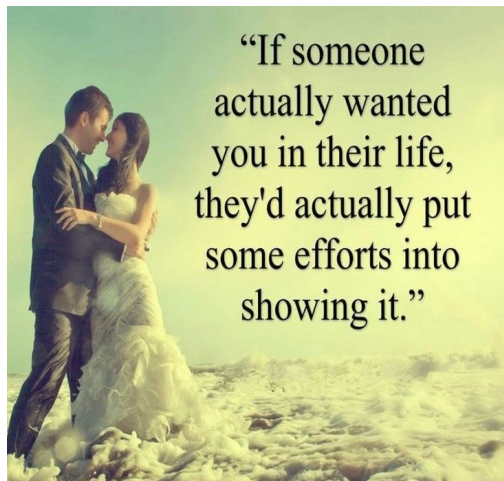
PENTECOST SUNDAY — 5th June
Usual Weekend Masses

FHC THANKSGIVING MASS — Sunday 12th June at 10.30am

CORPUS CHRISTI — Sunday 19th June
Usual Weekend Masses

HOLY CONFIRMATION MASS — Thursday 23rd June at 7.00pm (Candidate in church by 7.00pm)
SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL — Wednesday 29th June, Masses at 9.30pm & 7.00pm

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.



LOURDES FUNDRAISING: After two long years we are finally able to travel on pilgrimage to Lourdes again and so in the lead up to the pilgrimage we have organised a few fundraising events:

Quilt Raffle: We have a beautiful double quilt made by the very talented Shelia Barnes, that we will be raffling. The quilt is on display in the porch, and we will be selling raffle tickets after each of the Masses. The winners of the raffle will be announced after the Shepperton Fair on the 11th June.

Shepperton Fair: We have very generously been offered a stall at the Shepperton Fair on the 11th June. We are planning to have a bottle / chocolate tombola and are looking for donations for the stall. If you would like to donate a bottle and/or some chocolate, please can they be left in the porch in the box marked Lourdes.

Afternoon Tea: Bernie and Pir will be hosting Afternoon Tea in their beautiful garden on Saturday 25th June. Please put the date in your diary... More details to follow soon. (Katrina Lavery)

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON! We are to host the relics of Bernadette as part of a National Tour. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and a massive honour for SJF. We are grateful to the Cardinal for agreeing to Shepperton being part of the itinerary. The Relics will arrive here for an all night vigil on Tuesday 6th September. More details will follow soon. Thank you to Bernard Lavery who petitioned the Cardinal on behalf of our parish. We can expect many visitors and there is much to prepare. If you are interested in helping with practicalities, as part of a Bernadette Task Group, please contact Fr Shaun.

IT WOULD BE LOVELY to be able to restart our refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We can only do this if a couple of people are willing to take this little role on and create a mini rota of parishioners to help out. It doesn't seem to go very well, when it's ad hoc and haphazard. Can this be your contribution to help to build our community post pandemic? Please let us know.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

is sponsored this week by Elsa de Cruz,
in memory of Pat Greig RIP (Birthday)

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MAY

Fr John O'Sullivan, Ella Mary Butterworth,
Elsie Curley, Peter Johnson, Alice (Nita) Manning,
Mollie Pugh, Jeanne Diekmann, Joe D'Souza,
Tom Ray, David Weathers, Bartley Keady,
Dorothy Price, Linzi Geddes, Joan King,
Daphne Dodd, Kitty Brett, Terry Quinn,
Kathleen Johnson, Clive Duveen.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

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.

TOILETS are available in the church hall. Please access them via the outside route, using the hall front door. Thank you

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £259

Giving using offertory envelopes: £10

Giving via the bank: £598 (weekly average for April)

For those using loose giving, currently via the green buckets, we hope to reintroduce weekly Mass collections soon— more on this later.

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