



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

☒ Sun 08 May	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Patrick Daly RIP
Mon 09 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 10 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Thanksgiving Mass for Matilda
Wed 11 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For a private intention
Thur 12 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30pm	For our young people preparing for Holy Confirmation and for their Catechists
Fri 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima	Mass at 9.30am	For those who are new to our Church community
Sat 14 May	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Apologies, no 10am Morning Mass	
☒ 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

☒ = 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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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

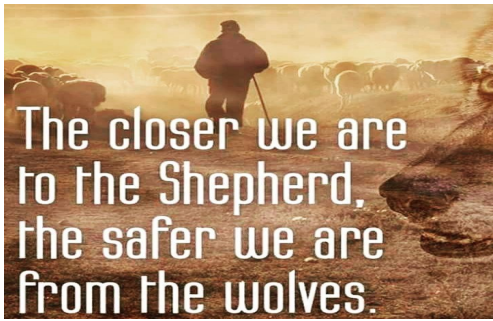


This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter. Remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today's Gospel: I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost. This time is an opportunity for us to consider how we live life as Easter Catholics.

The Gospel passage today takes place before the death of Jesus. Jesus and his disciples are in Jerusalem celebrating the Jewish feast of Dedication. As part of this celebration, there is traditionally a reading from the Book of Numbers where Moses hears the voice of God. (Numbers 7:89) So it would have been natural for Jesus to talk about how his sheep hear his voice.

In the Book of Numbers, only Moses hears the voice of God. But Jesus wants the whole world to hear his voice. His radical inclusiveness is something new. But first of all, we need to be able to listen. If we are too distracted by what is going on in our world, then we are not going to be able to hear the Lord calling to us. There are many things which can get in the way. We might think we are too busy to spend time in prayer. We might let our hobbies get in the way of our commitment to the faith. When life is full of distractions, we simply need to consider what is important. Do we want the distractions, or do we want the Lord?

If God
seems
far away...
guess who
moved.



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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/ donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

GOING AWAY AND WANT TO WATCH ONLINE?
You can pray the Mass with us online if you are house bound or away. Just go to You Tube and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area.

ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS has an HSL 4ft electrically adjustable Bed, with 10,000 spring Mattress and Headboard, in need of a new home. The bed has only been used for a year and is in perfect condition. If anyone is interested please speak to Fr Shaun.

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.

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

Katrina Lavery

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week anonymously for our new parishioners

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

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY is advertising for Exam Invigilators and Summer Internship opportunities with Teach SouthEast.
Email - acurrington@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk
Website - www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

CATHOLIC LISTENERS A new confidential listening helpline is launching. Catholic Listeners 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 an 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 info contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or 0800 448 0704

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate: £163
Giving using offertory envelopes: £10
Giving via the bank: £695 (weekly average for March)

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

Thank you, for supporting your church.

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