



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

Sun 29 May ✕	<b>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Frances Reynolds RIP For David Alves Teixeira Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 30 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BVM	Mass at 9.30am	For Patricia Trussler RIP
Wed 01 June	St Justin, Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Norma Deirdre Doohan RIP
Thur 02 June	Easter feria <i>(Jubilee Bank Holiday)</i>	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr Richard Filima - his intentions
Fri 03 June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs <i>(Jubilee Bank Holiday)</i>	No Morning Mass	
Sat 04 June	Easter Feria <i>(Jubilee Bank Holiday)</i>	No Morning Mass <b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b>	For Tom Bermingham RIP
Sun 05 June ✕	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <i>(Jubilee Bank Holiday)</i>	<b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Olive Laurie Cole 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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Week 7 of Easter  
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Psalter Week 3

**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Sunday 29th May 2022

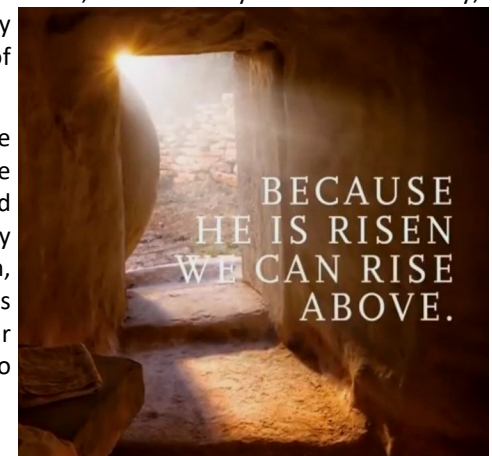
7th Sunday  
of Easter



This is an unusual "in between" Sunday, in between the Lord's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit.

The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper, a prayer full of concern for his friends and the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Lord, do not hold this sin against them", is a vision of what the Church must be, a community of love and mercy, always inspired (i.e. guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus.

The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and the second coming: as we await the Holy Spirit next Sunday. Saint John, in his Book of Revelation, gives us the final vision of our destiny: "Let everyone who listens answer 'Come!'"



**WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton.** This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun.

**NEXT WEEKEND** The Church will celebrate Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. The clergy wear red vestments to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the people of the Church. Why not wear something red yourself and join in the celebrations? Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

**THY KINGDOM COME** is a global prayer movement. They invite Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. It is hoped that everyone who takes part will deepen their own relationship with Jesus. Simply pray for five friends or family to come to faith. Pray also for the Holy Spirit to be effective in our witness to Jesus. A wealth of resources can be found at:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church>



**THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE:** From Thursday through to Sunday next week, there will be a Bank Holiday in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Please check the back page for

Mass times, noting that there will be no Mass on Friday and Saturday mornings. At the Masses next weekend, there will be a special intercession inserted into the Prayers of the Faithful, in honour of the Queen. The National Anthem will be sung at the end of all Masses.

**ROAD CLOSURE** Next Sunday from 12.00 noon Squires Road will be closed to traffic, for a Street Party. The closure should not impact on us and access to our church car park will not be affected for any of the Sunday Masses.

**THE OFFICE:** Please be patient if you are awaiting a response from the office. Whilst Nathalie is away, there is no administration assistance. Thank you.

**SUPPORTING BY SPONSORING:** If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament lamp by the Holy Tabernacle for your intentions, the cost is just £5 for the week. If you would like a Mass offered for your intentions, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All your offerings directly support our church. Thank you.

**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.

**THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON!** We are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The Relics will arrive here for an all night vigil on Tuesday 6th September, leaving the parish around midday on Wednesday 7th September.

**BERNADETTE TASK GROUP** If you are interested in helping with practicalities before the event and/ or during the night vigil, please sign the list at the back of the church to express an interest. We shall need many volunteers to welcome people to our church, to marshal cars in the car park, to provide First-Aid if needed and to cover other areas of health and safety and security during the visitation. We shall need servers for the Holy Mass at midnight and 9.30am. We will need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers too. We will also be forming a small group of people to lead the Holy Rosary during the night. Before the event, we shall need extra help with flower arranging, cleaning and preparing. There will also be much to do in the office with printing and administration, liaising with local residents, the local authority and with the police.

We are a community which is blessed with a wealth of talent and experience. This will be a wonderful occasion to get involved, young and old; ensuring that those who come to visit SJF,

receive a warm welcome and great hospitality. We can expect many visitors and there is much to prepare before the holiday season begins. Please sign up today to express an interest in helping.

**PREVIOUSLY LOVED?** If you happen to have any unwanted religious artefacts, for example, a rosary, crucifix or small statue etc. just gathering dust, give them a wipe over and we will send them abroad, to be cherished again. Mary Boyle is kindly coordinating this initiative over the next couple of weeks. You can contact her directly on: 01784 254345. Thank you.

**HOLY DAY THANKS:** Thank you to all who attended the Ascension Masses last Thursday. We had a fairly good turn out. This was encouraging to see, as we resume, post pandemic, our observance of the Holy Days of the Church.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our Confirmation students and catechists as they prepare for their third initiation Sacrament, Holy Confirmation. This will take place on Thursday 23rd June. Come Holy Spirit.

**THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE:** Chapel of Our Lady of Westminster, 25 Lower Teddington Rd, KT1 4HB. Healing Mass: Saturday 11th June 2.00-4.00pm including Adoration, Benediction and Anointing of the sick.

**FOOD BANK BOX:** Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support..

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

#### DIARY DATES

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** 5th June Usual Masses

**FHC THANKSGIVING MASS:** Sunday 12th June at 10.30am

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Sunday 19th June Usual Masses  
**HOLY CONFIRMATION MASS** — Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm (Candidates in church by 7.00pm)  
**SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL** — Wednesday 29th June, Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

**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:

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

is sponsored this week by Jill for her Aunt Ann Gibney who is sick at this time.

#### PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Maria Montante RIP

#### 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

**Quilt Raffle:** We have a beautiful double quilt made by the very talented Sheila 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 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.

#### 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.

#### TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £129  
Giving using offertory envelopes: £10  
Giving via the bank: £598 (weekly average for April)  
Thank you for supporting your church.

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