



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

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
Mon 23 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 24 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tony Hill RIP
Wed 25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Joseph Mok RIP
Thur 26 May ✘	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Mass at 9.30am Mass at 7.00pm	For Kevin O'Connor RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	Mass at 9.30am	For Caroline Frances Way RIP (nee Matthews)
Sat 28 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For all souls in purgatory
Sun 29 May ✘	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Frances Reynolds RIP For David Alves Teixeira Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

✘ = 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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Readings Year C
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Week 6 of Easter
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 22nd May 2022

6th Sunday
of Easter



The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C, tell us that we can rely on the Holy Spirit to help us in our faith journey.

In the first reading, the apostles let the Holy Spirit lead them regarding the observance of Mosaic Laws.

The Psalm this week declares, in the first verse “O God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.”

In the second reading John gazes on the new Jerusalem.

In the Holy Gospel, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit. He is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Love to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of himself.”

St Teresa of Calcutta

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.

✠THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: This coming Thursday, 26th May is a Holy Day for Catholics. The Ascension of the Lord, is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: he has to return to the Father. Ascension is a feast of hope: it is our hope that the Lord will return to us, as he went. Our hope is that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope is that we will take our place in heaven, where Jesus the Lord sits, at the Father's right hand. Please do your very best to attend Mass on this Holy Day. Our Mass times are 9.30am & 7.00pm. If these are not convenient, try a Catholic church near to your work or college or a church in our Deanery. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE: your evening session in the hall this coming Thursday will begin at 7.35pm rather than 7.00pm. This is to accommodate those young people who haven't been to Mass in school and wish to attend Mass here.

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.

OUR CHURCH HALL will be used as a Polling Station in the up coming, local ward By-election, taking place this coming Wednesday 25th May.

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.

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 the 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.

THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE: Chapel of Our Lady of Westminster, 25 Lower Teddington Rd, KT1 4HB. Annual Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes: Sunday 29th May at 5.00pm followed by Mass. Also 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 entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support, especially at the moment.

SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES: St Richard Reynolds Catholic College are advertising for a Primary School teacher and a teacher of Design Technology. More information can be found on their web site.
<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

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

DIARY DATES:

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

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 9.30pm & 7.00pm

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**
is sponsored this week by Anne-Marie Obertelli for Silvia Upfield and her intentions

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

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 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: £92
Giving using offertory envelopes: £10
Giving via the bank: £598 (weekly average for April)
Thank you for supporting your church.