

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 05 Mar ☒	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Sally & Douglas Dick - celebrating their 48th year, wedding anniversary For Dan Kavanagh RIP - 2nd anniversary For the people of this Parish
Mon 06 Mar	Lent feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 07 Mar	Lent feria	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b>	For departed members of the Joseph Family RIP
Wed 08 Mar	Lent feria	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b> Holy Rosary after Mass	For parishioners who are sick
Thurs 09 Mar	Lent feria	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b> <b>Funeral Mass 11.30am</b> Warm Hub 10.00 -11.30am Lent Group 7.30pm	For our elderly For Patrick Cronin RIP
Fri 10 Mar	Lent feria	<b>Mass at 9.30am</b> Exposition & Benediction after Mass Stations of the Cross 7.00pm	For the young people in our church
Sat 11 Mar	Lent feria	<b>Mass at 10.00am</b>	For the people of Ukraine
Sun 12 Mar ☒	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For John Farrant RIP For the people of this Parish For the people of this Parish

**Holy Rosary Prayers:** on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

**Exposition and Benediction** is on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

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

☒ = Holy Day of Obligation

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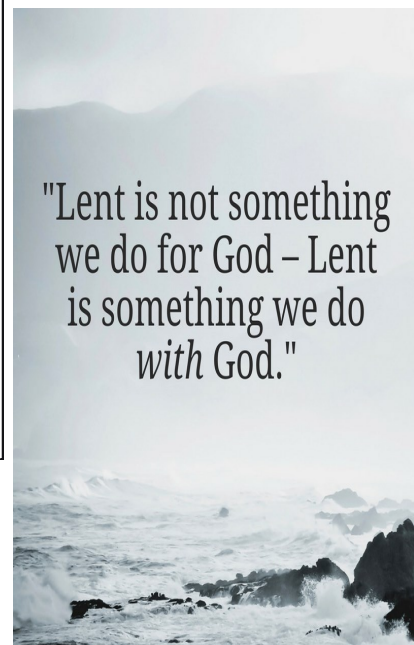
ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



## SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



In the first reading, Abram is called by God to leave his home and kin and go to an unknown land. In an act of great trust, he obeys. He does not know what lies ahead, but he walks in faith. We must also walk in faith, especially during our Lenten journey. His faith is a result of his encounter with God.



In the Transfiguration of the Lord, Peter, James and John also encounter God. They experience the divine presence in the transformed Jesus Christ. The change in his face, which "shone like the sun" and his clothes which became "white as light" are a reference back to Moses' appearance after receiving the Ten Commandments.

The Transfiguration of the Lord also foreshadows his Resurrection. In his appearance to Mary of Magdala at the tomb, he also had bright white clothes. And clearly something was significantly different about his appearance, for Mary not to recognize him.



Fridays during Lent at 7.00pm. If you are looking for something different to do this Lent, come and join us in this quiet meditative encounter with the Lord.

**LENT DISCUSSION GROUP ON THURSDAY DURING LENT:** an evening get together & discussion, for all who would like to renew their faith. We will meet in the sacristy at 7.30pm and conclude by 8.45/9.00pm We will be following the Sycamore film course: Wk 1 - The existence of God, Wk 2 - Who is Jesus? Wk 3 - The Holy Spirit, Wk 4 - The Church and Wk 5 - The gift of faith.

**THIS LENT**, do you feel called to offer the gift of time? Please speak to the parish priest, contact the parish office or fill in the form on line here: <https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/parish-volunteering.php> to find out how you can help in the parish. Thank you!

**THE THURSDAY HUB** is open every Thursday in the church hall and will continue during March from 10.00am until 11.30am. Do come along, it's a good opportunity to meet with others. It's absolutely free and it will be warm! Thank you to all who have helped out so far. A sign up sheet is available for volunteer helpers at the back of the church.

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2023** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the poster on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

**FOOD BANK DROP OFF:** Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You have been extraordinarily generous. Your kindness is greatly

appreciated by local people who are struggling at the moment

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th Nov to Monday 27th Nov. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Westminster Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173

#### **SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

St Patrick -17th March  
St Joseph - 20th March  
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March  
Palm Sunday – Holy Week commences 2nd April  
Maundy Thursday - 6th April  
Good Friday - 7th April  
Holy Saturday - 8th April  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 9th April  
St George - 24th April  
First Holy Communion Mass - Sat 13th May

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP** - if you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, for a week, the diary is open. To sponsor costs just £5 for a whole week. Just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. Additionally, 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 the work of your church. Thank you.

#### **TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £378.62  
Giving via the bank: £840.08 (weekly average/Jan)  
Our weekend loose offertory collection continues for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. Whatever way you support our work here at SJF, thanks, we couldn't do it without you.

**LITTLE CHURCH** is each Sunday at the 10.30am Mass. Beginning in Church, the children go off for their own liturgy at the beginning of Mass. Children, we enjoy you being with us! Thank you to our church catechists who prepare for our little ones week by week.

**CHILDREN'S MASS CARDS AND MISSALS** are available at the back of the church to help our little ones to pray and to learn the Mass. Parents please encourage your children to use these as you support them on their Christian journey.

#### **NO PASSPORT? NO BUS PASS? NO DRIVING LICENCE? YOU WILL NEED A VOTER ID TO VOTE IN THE MAY ELECTION**

Spelthorne Council will be holding events in the Borough to help residents apply for their Voter Authority Certificate (Voter ID).

6 March: Staines Community Centre (Thames Street, Staines TW18 4EA) – 9am to 11.30am  
7 March: Greeno Community Centre (14 Meadow View, Shepperton TW17 9DH) – 10am to 12pm  
8 March: Fordbridge Community Centre (Clarendon Road, Ashford TW15 2QA) – 9am to 12pm  
9 March: Sunbury Library (41-43, The Parade, Staines Road West, Sunbury TW16 7AB) – 10am to 1pm  
Please bring your National Insurance number. If you need assistance locating your NI number, or want to know what other forms of ID are accepted in the application process, contact Electoral Services on 01784 444218.

**Without prayer, fasting is just dieting.  
Without prayer, almsgiving is just social work. Prayer connects us with our loving God**

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

is sponsored this week by Barry & Margaret  
in memory of a dear friend,  
Curtley Gilkes RIP

#### **PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED For Patrick Cronin RIP ANNIVERSARIES THIS MARCH**

Denis Ryan, E.J. Cane, Kathleen Sweet,  
Rose Ryan, Fr Charles Connor, John Ohlson,  
Victoria Roberts, Patricia Macklin,  
Mary O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, Lynn Guevara,  
Maureen Mitchell, Eileen Tams, Helen Bool, Brian  
Duffy, Matthew Sawyer, Jane Birmingham,  
C.V. Pepper, Mary Cotter, Joy McQuade  
**ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD**

**WELCOME to St John Fisher, Shepperton in this Holy Season of Lent.** It's a season of fasting, praying and giving. The Church has now moved into a different, penitential mood, with the hanging of purple banners and a change in the Gospel acclamation. We save the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria*, the flowers and brighter priest vestments for the celebrations at Easter. During Lent we proclaim the Apostles' Creed, in place of the Nicene Creed. We begin our Lenten pilgrimage by examining our lives and by honestly looking at our practice of the faith. We are reminded that Lent is not just about what we give up, it's about what we take up and who we will become!

**PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** The link for the re-advertisement for this parish part time position can be found here: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-shepperton-parish/>

**PATRICK CRONIN RIP:** The Funeral Mass for Patrick is this coming Thursday 9th March at 11.30am. Over many years Patrick was a regular attendee at the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass, with Shirley, his wife. As we continue to pray for his soul, we pray also for Shirley and the family.

**CAFOD THANKS:** Thank you to all who took part in the Family Fast Day, last Friday. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church to support this worthwhile Catholic Charity. Please deposit your donations in the **GREY BUCKET** at the front of the church. Thank you to all who have supported this so far.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are a lovely Lenten tradition. In this devotion, we make the journey to Calvary with our Lord Jesus, focusing on how he suffered for us and his interactions with those he met on the way. The Stations are in church on