

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun 12 Mar ✘	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For John Farrant RIP For the people of this Parish For the people of this Parish
Mon 13 Mar	Lent feria	No Mass at SJF today	
Tues 14 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr Vincent Crewe RIP (and family)
Wed 15 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For a private intention
Thurs 16 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am Warm Hub 10.00 -11.30am Lent Group 7.30pm	For Christine - following surgery
Fri 17 Mar	ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction after Mass Stations of the Cross 7.00pm	For Patrick Keegan RIP
Sat 18 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 10.00am	For CV Pepper RIP - 2nd anniversary
Sun 19 Mar ✘	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday	6.00pm Sat Eve Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this Parish For Daphne Argent - Birthday For Sir Joseph Perez RIP

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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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday readings:
Lent
Divine Office:
Psalter Week 3

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



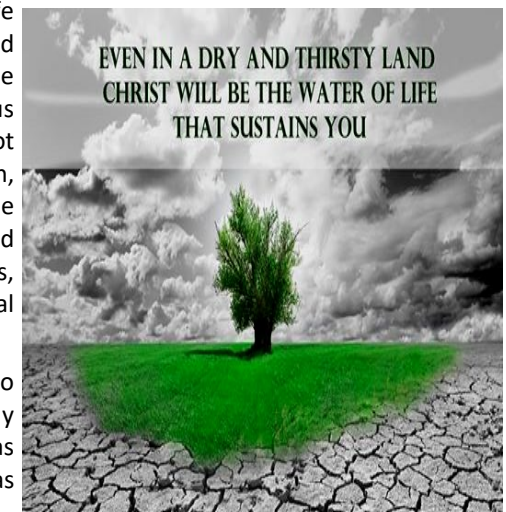
SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent help us think about our true desires. The first reading tells of how God satisfied the thirst of the chosen people in the desert. The psalm reminds us to let God open up our hearts and flow through them. The second reading tells us again that God pours himself into our hearts.

The Holy Gospel reminds us about the story of the woman at the well, whom Jesus brings to new life through his mercy and compassion. It is a remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman not least because as a Samaritan, she is an outsider. The conversation revolves around the water which Jesus gives, water which brings eternal life, the water of Baptism.

This is an opportunity to reflect on our own Holy Baptism and what this has given us - and what God has done for us through this gift.





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 continue 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!

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 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: this coming Wk 3 - The Holy Spirit, Wk 4 - The Church and Wk 5 - The gift of faith.

MESSAGE FROM KEIRON O'SHEA RE: MENCAP
Could you help with our Mencap group ONE TO ONE? We run social evenings for adults with learning difficulties. We meet every Thursday at Burview Hall, Queens Road, Weybridge from 7.30pm to 9.00pm to enjoy games, activities and lots of chatting with our small group of young adults. If you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact Keiron on keiron.oshea52@gmail.com Thank you.

OPERA ON THE MOVE CONCERT: St Nicholas Church, Shepperton: 18th March at 5.00pm, featuring Halliford School Chamber Choir. Tickets £20 adults £5 under 16's contact St Nicholas Church 01932 221621 Event organised to raise funds for the Church Tower.

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!

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

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

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, 12:00, St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB Find out more here:

<https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass/>

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Our annual accounts for 2023 have been approved by the Diocese and are summarised here. Please note that our expenses are inflated due to the pay out of Lourdes monies These do not represent true parish expenses as the money was held by us for the pilgrimage; hence our surplus percentage can be adjusted upward. Thank you to all of you who give to the parish in so many ways to make our work possible. If you have any questions, please drop me an email. sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk Traci.

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Assessable Income	31/12/22	31/12/21
Offerories Envelopes	3,175.43	7,877.99
Offerories SOs & Online	33,753.96	30,963.96
Offerories Loose Plate & Contactless	14,956.61	8,657.76
Tax Refunds	11,472.16	10,042.33
General Donations & Fund Raising	1,191.80	2,220.00
Total Assessable Income	64,549.96	59,762.04

Non-Assessable Income		
Catechetics	740.14	250.00
Candles, Repository & Papers	3,510.12	2,834.70
Parish Centre Revenue	3,414.00	760.00
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends, Fees	7,230.49	8,384.60
Parish Activities	4,537.53	1,020.00
Legacies	0.00	11,101.20
Specific Donations	5,974.13	5,824.70
Insurance Claims	4,728.00	0.00
Sundry Income	0.00	2,400.24
Third Party Receipts	1,698.30	754.96
Total Non-Assessable Income	31,832.71	33,330.40
Total Receipts	96,382.67	93,092.44

Expenditure		
Clergy Stipends	10,299.96	9,900.00
Non-Clergy Salaries	6,567.42	9,510.69
Travel Expenses	4.00	0.00
Supply Priests	1,287.29	803.00
Housekeeping	1,002.34	368.34
Catechetics	525.05	576.54
Liturgical Expenses	2,754.38	1,969.59
Candles, Repository & Papers	2,696.42	1,268.66
Property Repairs and Renewals	13,686.92	6,598.54
Heat, Light & Water	3,029.78	4,226.53
Council Tax, Insurance & Rates	5,782.40	3,311.49
Parish Centre Expenses	1,879.76	476.38
Office & Administration	1,832.73	1,822.39
Parish Activities	10,861.07	92.72
Mass Stipends Distributed	70.00	0.00
Donations/Grants	12,566.46	259.70
Miscellaneous Expenses	94.55	282.18
Purchase of Fixed Assets	2,905.62	3,888.00
Diocesan Assessment	13,781.76	14,122.44
Deanery expenses	58.48	0.00
Third Party Payments	1,743.81	652.20
Total Payments	93,430.20	60,129.39
Total Surplus / Loss	2,952.47	32,963.05
Surplus / Loss Percentage	3.06%	35.41%

LARGE PRINT COPIES of the annual accounts together with a month by month breakdown are available from the table by the church entrance. We are indebted to Traci for her diligent work on the church accounts through the year. We are also very grateful for our Finance Committee, who support our parish with their time, expertise and guidance. Thank you all. Fr Shaun.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £240.10
Giving via the bank: £663.83 (weekly average/Feb)
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.

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 for a private intention

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
SUSAN CONNERTY SMITH 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