

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

Sun ✠ 16 April	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Margaret Brindle RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Patricia — a special intention
Mon 17 April	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 18 April	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 19 April	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Celia Cheyne RIP
Thurs 20 April	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Thursday Hub in the hall 10.00-11.30	For all who are sick at home or in hospital
Fri 21 April	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For the newly Baptised
Sat 22 April	Easter feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Lauryn Annie - in celebration of her Holy Baptism
Sun ✠ 23 April	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Micky Bonavolonta in celebration of her 90th birthday

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 16th April 2023
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Mercy Sunday

DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING,
BUT BELIEVE

John 20:27

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses.

We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

On this second Sunday of Easter, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem after the Resurrection, with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours, as we listen to the account.

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HAPPY EASTERTIDE THE LORD IS RISEN!

WE WELCOME Fr Tom Forde who will be celebrating the weekend Masses. We are delighted to have him with us. Fr Shaun, will be back from leave on Wednesday next week.



THIS SUNDAY is 'Divine Mercy Sunday' and is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion mystically given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins.

LITTLE CHURCH IS BACK! There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our children. Parents please assist your little ones in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grown in confidence and in faith.

EASTER HOLY WATER was blessed during the Easter Vigil and is available from the Holy Water dispenser which is close to the font, just help yourself, but please ensure the tap is closed off after use.

THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES have been celebrated fully at SJF. But as you know, our Masses and Liturgies don't just happen. Some wonderfully dedicated people gave many hours of their time voluntarily to provide, what we sometimes don't give a second thought to. Thank you to all who helped to prepare over Holy Week and into our Easter celebrations. Special thanks to our Sacristans who have prepared, cleaned & polished their way through the past weeks. Thanks also to our flower arrangers, gardeners, altar servers, readers and to our wonderful musicians and singers, and those who stepped in to help out when needed, at the 11th hour, for those last minute things. If you helped in any

way, thank you. Your kind dedication to SJF and the Lord, is greatly appreciated by us all.

THE EASTER CHURCH OFFERINGS: Thank you if you made an offering via the Easter envelopes. You are helping to make up the annual stipend (wage) which is given to the priests who celebrate Mass here during the year. These Easter (and Christmas) offerings are not given directly to the clergy in this parish.

FANTASTIC NEWS! We have a new office administrator... Mandy Howick will begin with us on 26th April and work in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Mandy comes to us with a wealth of experience and we look forward to her arrival with us.

THURSDAY HUB is back this week on Thursday 20th April in the church hall from 10.00am until 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you then.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous and your kindness makes a real difference to local people who are struggling at the moment.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in parish seniors groups? There is a conference on Thursday 20th April at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Victoria. 10:00am - 4:00pm This Conference is for anyone who accompanies or wants to work with older people in their parish. More information and registration here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/animating-parish-seniors-groups-tickets-480815531197>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023 We are currently inviting parishioners to join the Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. There is a place for everyone on our pilgrimage, from young families, youth, adults, the elderly, frail and those with medical conditions. The dates are Friday 21st July – Friday 28th July. There is a register of interest sheet in the porch. If you would like more information please sign up or speak to Katrina (07921 409402) or Bernard (07802 268550).

LOURDES FUNDRAISERS: Marathon and Family Fun Day – Sunday 16th April. Come and walk or run alongside Fran, our Marathon runner. Fran will be completing 26 one-mile laps of Laleham Park... if you fancy completing a mile or more, please grab a sponsor form from Katrina (07921

40902). If you don't fancy the marathon, grab a picnic, and come and enjoy the company. Quiz Night – Friday 12th May The Lourdes team will be hosting a Quiz night on Friday 12th May. Tickets are £10. To sign up see the sheet in the porch. There will be a bar available, bring your own snacks. Doors open at 7.00pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm

WOULD YOU like to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in our church on Coronation weekend? Would you be interested in leading a group or being part of a team to make it happen? Let us know in the office and we can get the ball rolling.



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.

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have dates. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a

birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

REFRESHMENTS in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass return this week. Toilets are open in the Hall and available for use. Please access them via the outside route, using the hall front door, rather than through the sacristy. Thank you .

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £5 for the whole week.

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

is sponsored this week for the family - in thanksgiving, by the Broughton family

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

SUSAN CONNERTY SMITH RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward,
Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly,
Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith,
Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones,
Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose,
Fr Anton Cowan.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD

