

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

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 Peter Lester RIP For Micky Bonavolonta in celebration of her 90th birthday
Mon 24 April	ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 25 April	ST MARK, Evangelist	Mass at 9.30am	For Margaret Brindle RIP
Wed 26 April	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass Funeral Mass at 11.30	For our children preparing for their FHC For Susan Jane Connerty - Smith RIP
Thurs 27 April	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Thursday Hub in the hall 10.00am -11.30am	For the volunteers in our church
Fri 28 April	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Patricia — a special intention
Sat 29 April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor	Mass at 10.00am	For a private intention
Sun ✠ 30 April	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Nechama Argent RIP For the intentions of Veronica Blackford

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 23rd April 2023 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekly Newsletter



First Reading: [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#): Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and addressed the crowd, explaining that the events they were witnessing were the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel. Peter testified about Jesus and how his death and resurrection were also foretold by the prophets, and that Jesus had been raised from the dead by God.

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 16](#): In this Psalm, the psalmist expresses trust in God as their refuge and source of counsel. They praise God for guiding them on the path of life, and express confidence that God will not abandon them but instead bring them to eternal joy in His presence.

Second Reading: [1 Peter 1:17-21](#): Peter urges his readers to live in reverence and fear of God, knowing that they were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ. He emphasizes the eternal significance of their faith and encourages them to continue to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave them new life through Him.

Gospel: [Luke 24:13-35](#):

Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus when they encountered a stranger who turned out to be Jesus, but they did not recognize Him at first. After Jesus spoke to them and broke bread with them, their eyes were opened and they realized that it was Him.



HAPPY EASTERTIDE WELCOME TO MASS!

LITTLE CHURCH IS AT THE 10.30AM MASS. 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 grow in confidence and in faith.

EASTER HOLY WATER, blessed during the Easter Vigil, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BABY LAURYN ANNIE who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday. The gift of faith is a joyous gift. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold baby Lauryn Annie and her family in our prayers at this time.

REFRESHMENTS in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass. This week you are warmly invited to join us in the hall to celebrate the 90th birthday of Micky Bonavolonta. Come and have some cake!

THANK YOU for all the kind cards and personal gifts to me this Easter. Your kindness and generosity, as always, are much appreciated. Thank you. Fr Shaun.

FIRE WARDENS help to keep us safe. Can you help? Maybe you were a Fire Warden at work? There is a training session to be held at Hampton Hill Parish, this coming Tues 25th April 6:30pm. Please let us know if you are interested.

FRIDAY POST OFFICE TRIP - once a fortnight for our banking — can you help? Please let us know in the office asap. Many thanks.

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 on Thursdays in the church hall from 10.00am until 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you then.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

CARDINAL VINCENT (writing in the April edition of *Westminster Information* - a monthly publication for church workers in the Diocese) *"Every Easter season is a time of joy. As the Easter prefaces put it, 'overcome with Paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise.' This Easter there is a particular occasion for joy in our land, as we shall see King Charles III crowned. Much will be written, and said, about the Coronation in the days to come. As Catholic Christians, we do well to bear in mind that the Coronation is a profoundly religious event. There are few, if any, other countries in the contemporary world in which the accession of the head of state is marked with such overt religious symbolism and prayer. Though there will be important expressions of the diversity of modern society in and around the ceremonial, much of the service is rooted deep in tradition and history. Key elements of the coronation liturgy trace their origins as far back as the twelfth century, the anointing among them. Though there is space only for a few to be present at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation, this is an important moment for us all to unite in prayer. On Friday*

5th May, the day before the Coronation, Mass will be celebrated in most of our churches for the intentions of the King, as the culmination of three days of prayer. I invite you to join this prayer, and to attend Mass on the Friday if you can, at this time of significance and joy for us all". (Mass, here at SJF will be at 9.30am on Friday).

A FINAL CALL for the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm with the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal is inviting to this celebration all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2023. If you wish to attend, please let Fr Shaun know details of attendees (names, wedding date, full postal address and email address or telephone number) ASAP please.

VISIT OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS'S MOTHER Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be visiting the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on Thursday 1st June at 6.30pm. Following a Sung Mass, Antonia Salzano will give a talk about her recently-beatified son, his life and his relationship with Our Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo.

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.

LOURDES FUNDRAISER 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

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).

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.

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.

THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse, initiated by Pope Francis will be held on Tuesday 9th May. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have prepared thoughtful and helpful materials for the day. Visit the website here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/>

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.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

is sponsored this week by Mrs Ayres -
for James in thanksgiving

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

JEFF COWEN RIP

CATHERINE 'MONICA' CLARKIN RIP

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