

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

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
Mon 01 May (Bank Holiday)	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 02 May	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Matthew and Claire's intention
Wed 03 May	SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Jim Briody who is sick
Thurs 04 May (Local elections)	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Mass at 9.30am	For Peter Rowntree RIP
Fri 05 May	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am	For the intentions of His Majesty King Charles III
Sat 06 May	Easter feria	No morning Mass (The Coronation)	
Sun ✠ 07 May	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Tim Aherne RIP & Sheelagh Horne RIP

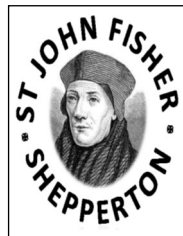
Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass
Exposition and Benediction is on Friday morning, directly after the Mass.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request
Prayer Request Box: at the back of the church. Prayers are offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass. ✠ = Holy Day of Obligation

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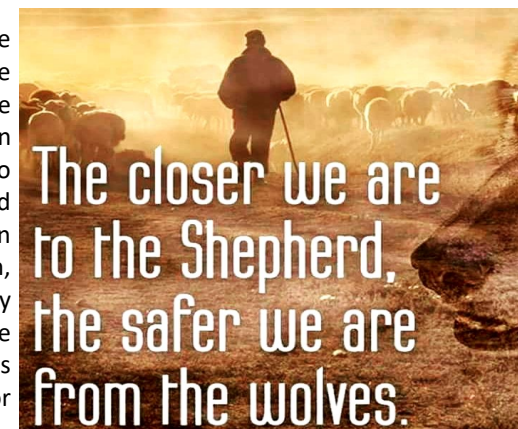
Sunday 30th April 2023 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday Weekly Newsletter



The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter invite us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow him, and to trust in his guidance and protection.

The Good Shepherd offers us protection from those who would lead us astray. He guides us to the gates of heaven; but we must hear his voice and follow him. This involves repentance and a commitment to do what he asks; and we will probably encounter some suffering along the way.

As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us?



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WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF

FANTASTIC NEWS! We have a new office administrator... Mandy Howick. Mandy works in the office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Mandy comes to us with a wealth of experience and she started work with us last week.

FIRE WARDENS - Thank you to Peter, Paul and Joe, who volunteered to be our Fire Wardens, and who attended their training session last week.

FRIDAY POST OFFICE thank you - to those who have volunteered, we appreciate your support.

POLLING STATION: Our Church Hall is again being used for the local elections this Thursday 4th May. If you intend to vote, (wherever your Polling Station is), remember to take some photo identification, like a passport, driving licence or something similar.

THE THURSDAY HUB has now closed. We will restart again in mid September. Thank you to our enormously dedicated volunteers, who have offered hospitality and baked delicious cakes since the start in January. To all who have attended - it has been great to have you with us.

THE CORONATION: This coming Friday 5th May, the day before the Coronation, Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of King Charles here at 9.30am (Exposition and Benediction is suspended for this Friday). The Cardinal has given a dispensation from the usual Friday abstinence on this day. To enable parishioners to enjoy The Coronation, there will be no Saturday morning Mass (6th). Mass will be celebrated, as usual, on Saturday evening at 6.00pm. The National Anthem will be sung at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday and a prayer of intercession will be included for the King, and for the exercise of his office, in the general intercessions at all weekend Masses. An official website with ideas for joining in the celebrations can be found here: <https://coronation.gov.uk/toolkit/>

You can download and print off templates for kids 'things to do', for music, for food and for bunting. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church from this weekend. Finally - offers of help to put up bunting outside the church, next week, would be really helpful. Thank you.

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.

REFRESHMENTS are in the Church Hall after the 10.30am Mass as usual.

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.

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).

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **five** men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's

people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, some are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

RETOUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages. Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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/>

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.

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.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £338.57

Giving via the bank: £771.33 (weekly ave/March)

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.

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 a private intention

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

JEFF COWEN RIP

CATHERINE 'MONICA' CLARKIN 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, Maria Montante.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD