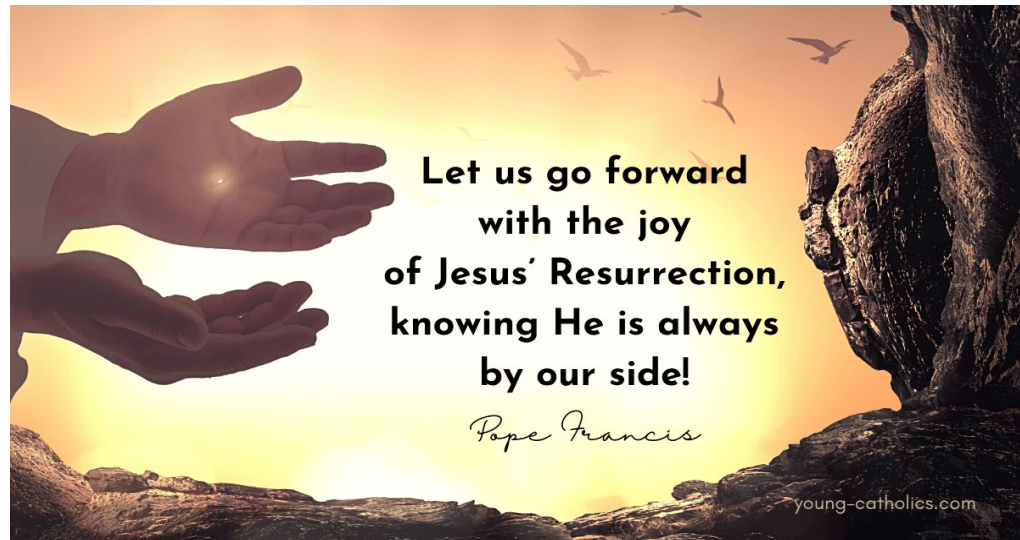


✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

Sun ✠ 9 April	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Easter Sunday of the Resurrection	8.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 10 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 11 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 12 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Mass at 9.30am	For Noel Brown RIP
Thurs 13 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Fri 14 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Sat 15 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	No <u>Morning</u> Mass	
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

✠ = Holy Day of Obligation

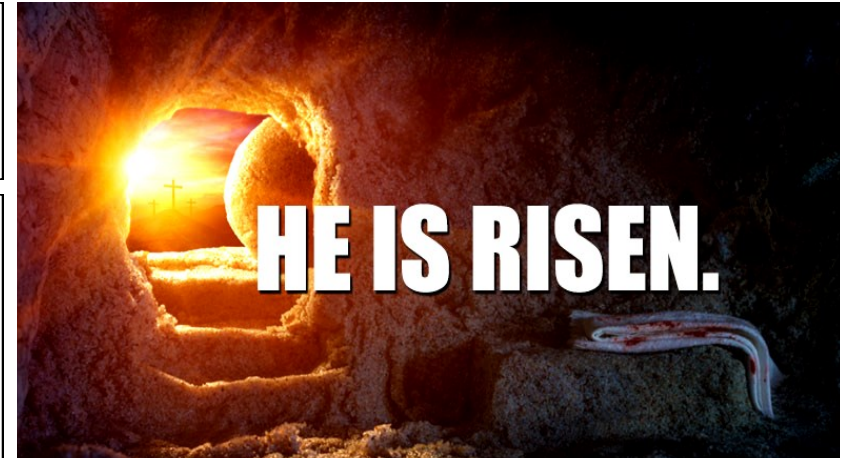


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**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Sunday 9th April 2023 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic calendar, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by this, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate the Risen Lord this Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

A very happy Easter to you all



WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US!

At all Easter Sunday Masses, the Sequence is said, after the second reading. In place of the Creed; the renewal of Baptismal Promises takes place after the homily.

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.

LITTLE CHURCH will be on holiday for Easter Sunday, but will be back the following week. Children's Mass sheets are available at the back of the church.

THE CHURCH OFFICE: will be closed for the coming week. If you need to speak to a Priest very urgently, please contact one of the other local Catholic Priests. Fr Shaun will be on leave during this time. Any emails or phone messages will be picked up on his return. Thank you for your patience.

EASTER HOLY WATER This was blessed during the Easter Vigil and is available from the Holy Water dispenser which is close to the font.

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 up 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.

OUR CHURCH is a friendly place, but it's easy to reach out to those we already know. Over Eastertide there may well be visitors and people returning after some time away. A smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference and pointing out where Mass sheets are can be invaluable. Thank you.

NEXT 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.

THURSDAY HUB is on a break and will reopen on Thursday 20th April in the church hall from 10.00am until 11.30am. We shall 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 will return next 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

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate: £393.56
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.

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.

ALL MASSES at SJF are live streamed. Via *YouTube*. Whilst live streaming cannot replace our physical presence at the Holy Mass, streaming offers a link with SJF for those who are incapacitated with ill health.



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 Noel Brown RIP by Pat Brown and the 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