

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 07 May	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Tim Aherne RIP & Sheelagh Horne RIP
Mon 08 May (Bank Holiday)	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 09 May	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 10 May	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass <b>Funeral Mass at 11.30am</b>	For Eileen Rowntree RIP <b>For Catherine Monica Clarkin RIP</b>
Thurs 11 May	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am	<i>Available for your Mass intention</i>
Fri 12 May	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	<i>Available for your Mass intention</i>
Sat 13 May	Easter feria	<b>FHC Mass at 11.00am</b>	<b>For our children receiving their First Holy Communion today</b>
Sun ☒ 14 May	<b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	<i>Available for your Mass intention</i> <i>Available for your Mass intention</i> Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

**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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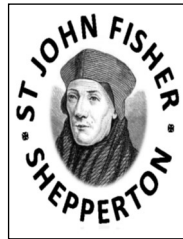
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Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**First Reading – Acts 6:1-7:** A conflict arose within the early Christian community in Jerusalem, as the Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The apostles responded by appointing seven men to oversee this task, who were filled with the Holy Spirit and were successful in resolving the issue.

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33:** A prayer of praise and trust in God's mercy, emphasizing the righteousness and faithfulness of the Lord. The psalmist calls on the upright to exult in the Lord, giving thanks and chanting His praises with musical instruments, and declares that the earth is full of the Lord's kindness. The passage concludes by acknowledging that the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him and hope in His kindness, and that He delivers them from death and famine.

**Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:4-9:** Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church and Christians are a chosen and royal priesthood. Believers should come to Christ, who is a living stone, and offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Him. Disciples have been called out of darkness and into God's wonderful light.

**Gospel – John 14:1-12:** Jesus teaches His disciples, assuring them that He will prepare a place for them in His Father's house and declaring Himself as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He also tells them that those who believe in Him will do greater works than He has done, and promises to send them the Holy Spirit to guide them.

☒ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ☒

**WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF  
IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US**

**THE CORONATION:** in commemoration, the National Anthem will be sung at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday. 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.

**The National Anthem**  
God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN** who will soon be receiving their First Holy Communion. Over the past months they have been preparing well. They will receive the Sacrament of the Lord, this coming Saturday 13th May, at a special Mass, at 11.00am. The usual Saturday 10.00am Mass, is suspended to facilitate this special occasion.

**THE MONTH OF MAY:** As is the custom, the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be crowned during the opening hymn at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. May our Blessed Mother pray for us and for all whom we love.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND — THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We raised £451.52p which is a wonderfully generous amount to forward to the Diocese. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the Diaconate. Please pray also for those men who have offered themselves for formation and are in training at this time. The Diocese regularly hold events to foster men's vocations. If you think you might have a vocation, or just want to know more, please speak with Fr Shaun.

**JEFF COWEN RIP** You may have heard through the grapevine, the sad news of Jeff's death. The Funeral Mass for Jeff will be at SJF on Wednesday 24th May, at 11.30am. Please do pray for the repose of Jeff's soul and for Karen, his wife and for his sons, Mark, David and Ross at this difficult time.

**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.

**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 and is great preparation for receiving the Sacraments of the church.

**LOURDES FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY** The Lourdes team will be hosting a Quiz night this coming Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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).

**DIARY DATES:**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** — Thursday 18th May, Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** — 28th May  
Usual weekend Masses

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**— Sunday 4th June  
Usual weekend Masses

**CORPUS CHRISTI** — Sunday 11th June. Usual weekend Masses, and in addition the children who made their FHC will give thanks at the 10.30am Mass on this weekend.

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** — Friday 16th June Mass at 9.30am

**SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL** — Thursday 29th June, Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

**THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS** takes place annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, which this year occurs next Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>). Organized by the Catholic

charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) together with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches and the Eastern Catholic Churches, it offers an opportunity Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, to unite in prayer during Eastertide. They have set up a dedicated page for this year's Day of Prayer. You can find it here: <https://facecharity.org/day-of-prayer-for-eastern-christians-14-may-2023/>

**THE THURSDAY HUB** has 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 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/>

**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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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.

**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.

**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: £284.44  
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.

**APOLOGIES** there will be no Mass on Monday (8th) or Tuesday (9th) this coming week.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP  
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

has been sponsored this week for our children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion

**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**