

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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| Sun ☩ 14 May | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass | For Tess & Paul Joseph, in thanksgiving, celebrating 13 years of married life together. Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For departed members of the O'Malley family RIP |
| Mon 15 May | Easter feria | No Mass at SJF | |
| Tue 16 May | Easter feria | Mass at 9.30am | For Colm McCarthy RIP |
| Wed 17 May | Easter feria | Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass | For Patrick Ruddy RIP |
| Thurs ☩ 18 May | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | Mass at 9.30am Mass at 7.00pm | Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish |
| Fri 19 May | Easter feria | Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass | For Francis Joseph in celebration of his 6th Birthday. Happy Birthday! |
| Sat 20 May | Easter feria | Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism at 12.00noon | |
| Sun ☩ 21 May | 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass | Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jeanne Diekmann RIP 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

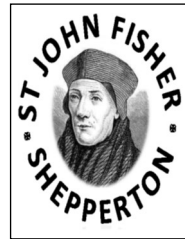
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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 14th May 2023 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekly Newsletter



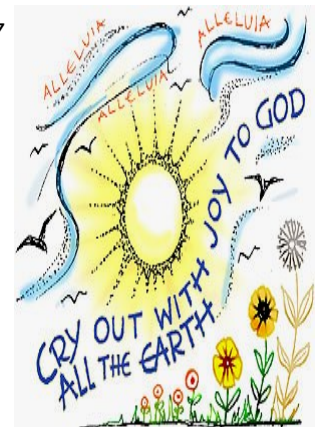
We are now some distance away from Easter Sunday, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen and we are baptised in him. Today a new dimension of the story comes out. Easter is not complete until the Risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel reading today, we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that Spirit of truth, which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to proclaim the Christ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of a doubting world.

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*
 The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 66:1-7,16,20*
 Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:15-18*
 Be ready to give an explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:15-21*
 Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another Advocate, the Spirit of truth.



☩ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ☩

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO BABY ALICE ROSIE ANNE O'SHEA who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism last weekend. The gift of faith is a joyous gift. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold baby Alice and her family, in our prayers at this time.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: This coming Thursday, 18th May is a Holy Day for Catholics. The Ascension of the Lord, is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: he has to return to the Father. Ascension is a feast of hope: it is our hope that the Lord will return to us, as he went. Our hope is that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope is that we will take our place in heaven, where Jesus the Lord sits, at the Father's right hand. Please do your very best to attend Mass on this Holy Day. Our Mass times are 9.30am & 7.00pm. If these are not convenient, try a Catholic church near to your work or college or a church in our Deanery. Fr Shaun will also be celebrating Mass at St Paul's Academy in Sunbury at 11.00am on this day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FHC CHILDREN who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Thank you to all our many helpers, who supported our children. Special thanks to Pir and Jean, our catechists, who have been brilliant, teaching our children over the past 12 weeks. Thank you to our parents, the first educators of their children in the faith, for bringing them to this important Sacrament.

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.



Many parishes, across the diocese have in recent years, participated in Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) This is a worldwide ecumenical prayer movement. The 2023 prayer resources focus on the character of God & 'Living the Kingdom' – how we live & serve one another. TKC asks that we pray for five people to encounter Christ from the Ascension to Pentecost, and to invite others to do the same. The resources can be found here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/new-2023>
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/churches>

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.

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS? Please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. Please feel free to drop it in to Mandy, our new Parish Administrator in the office, if you are passing by. Many thanks.

THE STEWART ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS will be starting a weekly class for budding performers 6-8 year olds, in our Church Hall, from 8th June. More details and booking online on their web page: www.thestewartacademy.co.uk

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).

DIARY DATES:

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY — 28th May - Usual 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 this Sunday (14th). 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 for 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/>

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.

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, in central London 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.

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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate: £264.86
Giving via the bank or through the card machine: £651.33 (weekly average for April)
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, thank you. We seriously couldn't survive without your support.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**
has been sponsored this week for
the people of Sudan

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