

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 21 May	<b>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jeanne Diekmann RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 22 May	Easter feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 23 May	Easter feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Josephine Delaney RIP
Wed 24 May	Easter feria <b>FUNERAL MASS</b>	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass <b>11.30am</b>	<b>For Jeff Cowen RIP</b>
Thurs 25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For Maureen McDermott RIP
Fri 26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For the Holy Souls
Sat 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism at 12.00noon	For Joan Keenan RIP
Sun ☒ 28 May	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Patrick Cronin RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For a private Intention

**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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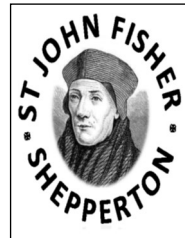
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<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/>

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Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
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Week 3

ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Sunday 21st May 2023 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekly Newsletter

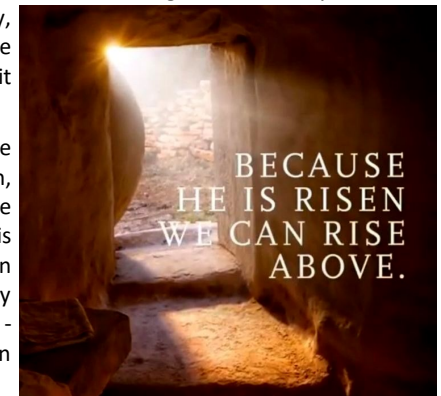


**First Reading** Acts 1:12-14: After Jesus' Ascension, the apostles returned to Jerusalem and gathered in an upper room with Mary and other women. They devoted themselves to prayer while waiting for the promised Holy Spirit to come.

**Responsorial Psalm** 26 This psalm expresses the author's unwavering faith in God's goodness and protection, and their deep desire to dwell in his presence and contemplate his beauty. The psalmist calls upon the Lord to hear their prayer and have mercy upon them.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 4:13-16: Christians, we are told, should find joy in their sufferings, as it aligns them with Christ's own suffering and ultimately leads to sharing in his glory. Additionally, believers are encouraged to live unashamedly for Christ, even if it results in persecution.

**Gospel** John 17:1-11: Jesus prays to the Father, asking for his own glorification, so that he may glorify the Father. He also asks for the protection of his disciples, as they continue his work in the world. Jesus speaks of the unity between himself and the Father - praying for his disciples to be united in the same way.



☒ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN & ASCENDED ☒

**WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF  
IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US IN  
MARY'S MONTH OF MAY**



**THANK YOU** if you attended the Holy Mass on Thursday to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord in to heaven — an important Holy Day in the life of the Church.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our young students who are sitting or are about to sit examinations at school or college. We know that these are stress filled times for them and their families.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FHC CHILDREN** who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday. Certificates to commemorate this wonderful achievement will be awarded to our children this weekend.

**AFTERNOON TEA** Sir Bernard and Lady Pirlanta cordially invite you to Afternoon Tea in the beautiful setting of their Garden on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00pm. If you would like to come along and partake in delicious homemade goodies and a glass of bubbles, please sign up in the porch. £15.00pp All proceeds will go to the Lourdes fund.

**SHEPPERTON FAIR:** We have very generously been offered a stall at the Shepperton Fair on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. We are planning to have a bottle/chocolate tombola and are looking for donations for the stall. If you would like to donate a bottle and/or some chocolate, please can they be left in the porch in the box marked Lourdes. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BABY ASHTON MICHAEL THOMAS WATTS** who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. The gift of faith is a joyous gift. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold baby Ashton and his family, in our prayers at this time.

**JEFF COWEN RIP** The Funeral Mass for Jeff will be at SJF this coming Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 11.30am. Please pray for the repose of Jeff's soul and for Karen, his wife and for their sons, Mark, David and Ross at this difficult time.

**NEXT WEEKEND** The Church will celebrate Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. The clergy wear red vestments to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the people of the Church. Why not wear something red yourself and join in the celebrations? Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**MARY'S MEALS** is recruiting a supporter engagement officer for London and the Southeast. The role is fully remote with optional working from the London office available. They are looking for someone with passion and personality to help grow Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from all walks of life and are focused on one goal – that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education. For more information, go to: [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk)



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>

**DIARY DATES:**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** - 28<sup>th</sup> May - Usual Masses  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**— Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Usual weekend Masses

**CORPUS CHRISTI** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> June Mass at 9.30am

**SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE** - (our Patronal Feast day) - Mass at 9.30am

**SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

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

**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.

**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, in central London on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK**

Loose giving in the plate: £303.20  
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.

**IF YOU HAVE A MOMENT,** come and take a look at the garden at the from of the Presbytery, it's looking splendid - thank you Tom, for your hard work. Thanks also to Keiron and Jim who have de-weeded the car park and side of the church .

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

has been sponsored this week for  
the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

**PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED  
JEFF COWEN 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**