

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 28 May	PENTECOST SUNDAY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Patrick Cronin RIP Pro Populo - the people of the Parish For a private Intention
Mon 29 May Bank Holiday	The BVM, Mother of the Church	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 30 May	feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after Mass	For Peggy Collins RIP
Thurs 01 June	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mass at 9.30am	For Francis Joseph - 6th Birthday
Fri 02 June	feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For John Christopher - for healing
Sat 03 June	St Charles Lwanga & Comp. Martyrs	Mass at 10.00am Holy Baptism at 12.00noon	
Sun ☒ 04 June	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For David Boyce RIP (1st anniversary on 6th) Pro Populo - the people of the Parish For Peggy Johnston 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

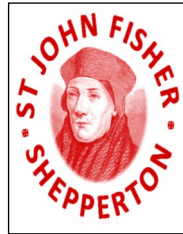
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<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/>

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Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekday Readings
(From Monday)
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 8

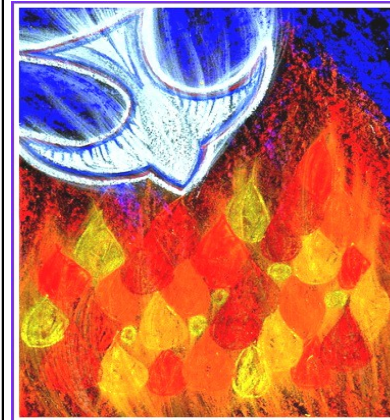
ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 28th May 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY Weekly Newsletter



We arrive at the fiftieth day and the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is Risen, has



Ascended to heaven and, now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

This feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit is so significant for us because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church. In the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his Sacraments, in his Ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word.

To the early Christians, the Holy Spirit had two main effects. It united individuals to life eternal in Christ and it made Christ manifest in the lives of individuals.

The Spirit is mentioned throughout the Old Testament. It is the breath of God, a mighty wind. It is the inspiration for prophets, moving them into speech and action. The Spirit of God was present in the temple.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in Christians, joining them in a common purpose. The Holy Spirit does not remove individuality, but it breaks down barriers which separate, such as different languages. We are drawn into the unity of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and through the Eucharist. And in turn, we receive the life of Jesus Christ within us.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL**

WELCOME to Mass at SJF. This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. If you are new to SJF church, you are very welcome! Do please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun.

THIS WEEKEND the Easter Season draws to a close with the celebration of Pentecost. Following Pentecost Sunday, the Paschal (Easter) Candle will be moved closer to the font, where it is lit for Holy Baptisms. For funerals the candle will be placed near to the coffin, to signify that Christian death is a true Passover. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

PENTECOST SEQUENCE: The Sequence (on the Mass Sheet) is said by all, directly after the second reading and before the Gospel Acclamation.

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

AFTERNOON TEA Sir Bernard and Lady Pirlanta cordially invite you to Afternoon Tea in the beautiful setting of their Garden on Saturday 17th 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.

SHEPERTON FAIR: We have very generously been offered a stall at the Shepperton Fair on the 10th 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 EVA ROSE LATTER AND SOPHIA MAE LATTER who together, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. The gift of faith is a joyous gift. In thanksgiving and celebration, we hold them and their family, in our prayers at this time.

IF YOU HAVE A MOMENT, come and take a look at the garden at the front of the Presbytery, it's looking splendid. Take a moment to offer a prayer in front of the image of Our Lady.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Mass will not be celebrated here this coming Tuesday. All other Masses are 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 and is great preparation for receiving the Sacraments of the church.

THANK YOU TO JUDITH, who after a considerable time, has now stepped down from managing the church cleaning rota. If you think you might be interested in taking over the rota, please let Mandy, our office administrator know. Additionally, if you have an hour or so to spare and would like to serve the church as a volunteer cleaner, in this important and worthwhile ministry, do let us know. We would pair you up with a regular volunteer. Thank you again to Judith and to all our holy dusters - the church is clean and welcoming because of your efforts.

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 on request.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO LOURDES BUT NEED EXTRA ASSISTANCE? San Frai is especially for those members of our communities who are unable to care for themselves independently – San Frai offers them the love and care and attention they need. If you know anyone in our congregation who would wish to join us, or who

you would like to put forward, please let Bernard Lavery or Fr Shaun know asap. Thank you.

DIARY DATES:

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

SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE - (our Patronal Feast day) - Thursday 22nd June, Mass at 9.30am
SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL - Thursday 29th 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 the new date of Monday 5th June. 3.45pm - 4.30pm. Booking online on their web page: 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.

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.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE – JOB VACANCIES
Head of Computing – required September 2023
Closing date Wednesday 24th May 9am.
Teaching Assistant – required September 2023
Closing date Monday 5th June 9am.
More information regarding both vacancies can be found on the school website:
<https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities>

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. Meals. For more information, go to: marysmeals.org.uk

ANNUAL PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Sunday 4th June at 5.00pm. Starts at: 23 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick KT1 4 EU (Sons of Divine Providence), and will be followed by refreshments.

DON'T PUT US AWAY - MEMORIES OF A MAN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES – Richard Keagon-Bull Richard was included in the 2021 Shaw Trust Disability Power List of the 100 most influential disabled people in the UK. He will be delivering the above titled talk, followed by a book signing and drinks reception, on Tuesday 6th June at 5pm. The venue: Caritas St Joseph's, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. For more information call 020 8202 3999 and speak to Tiziana.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the plate: £302.41
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.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week for our young people, revising and sitting their examinations.

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