

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

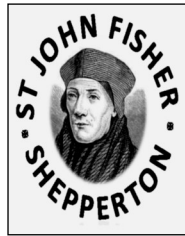
Sun ✘ 25 Feb	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For Maria Turini RIP For the people of this parish For Jenny Mascarenhas RIP - Month's mind
Mon 26 Feb	Lent Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 27 Feb	Lent Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 28 Feb	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Holy Rosary after morning Mass</i>	For Margaret Fern RIP
Thurs 29 Feb	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall</i>	For Gloria Nazareth RIP - Month's mind
Fri 01 Mar <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	ST DAVID, BISHOP Patron Saint of Wales	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass <i>Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm</i>	This Mass is available for your intentions. Please contact the office.
Sat 02 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Cidalia Alexandre RIP - 3rd anniversary
Sun ✘ 03 Mar	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For the people of this parish For Patrick Cronin 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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ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 25th February 2024 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - Weekly Newsletter -

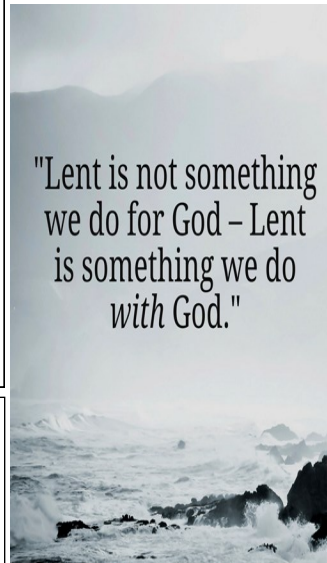


In the first reading, Abraham is called by God to an act of great trust and he obeys. He does not know what lies ahead, but he walks in faith. We must also walk in faith, especially during our Lenten journey.

"Lent is not something we do for God – Lent is something we do with God."

In the Gospel Mark gives us an account of the Transfiguration of the Lord, when Peter, James and John also encounter God. They experience the divine presence in the transformed Jesus Christ. and his clothes which became "dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them" and the Lord spoke with Moses and Elijah.

The Transfiguration of the Lord also foreshadows his Resurrection. In his appearance to Mary of Magdala at the tomb, Jesus also had bright white clothes. Clearly something was significantly different about his appearance, for Mary not to recognize him.





LENT FAITH SHARING GROUP hosted by Frances, at home on Walton Lane. Every Thursday during Lent 7.00-8.30pm. Come and have a chat and a cup of coffee. For details, phone Frances on: 07808 175184. You'll be made most welcome.

OH DEAR! Our volunteer Sacristans came into church last Sunday morning to find that the tap on the Holy Water container had been left open all night, after its use, the previous evening. Water had flooded over the sanctuary and the clean up added to an already busy morning. If you would like some holy water, but are unsure how to turn the tap on and off, just ask. People will be happy to help. Please do not walk away, leaving the tap running. Taps do not miraculously turn themselves off - even in a Holy Church like SJF. Many thanks.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are a lovely Lenten tradition. In this devotion, we make the journey to Calvary with our Lord Jesus, focusing on how he suffered for us and his interactions with those he met on the way. The Stations will continue every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm. If you are looking for something different to do this Lent, come and join us in this quiet meditative encounter with the Lord.

VOLUNTEERING FAIR: Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a Volunteering Fair on Saturday 9th March, 3pm – 5pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the diocese and/or with Catholic charities and those who work alongside, do come along. More details here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/>

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024 Please support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal if you can. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese; such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, expresses his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. You can take a donation envelope, make a donation online or donate in the collection box on the front right hand side of the church. Thank you.

WELCOME as we continue on our pilgrimage through this holy season of Lent. It's a season of fasting, praying and giving. The Church has moved into a different mood, with the hanging of purple banners and a change in the Gospel Acclamation. We save the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria*, the flowers and brighter vestments for the celebrations at Easter. In this way we are guided on our journey through Lent and helped to examine our lives in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We are reminded that Lent is not just about what we give up. It's about who we become! How is God calling you this Lent?

CAFOD THANKS: Thank you to all who took part in the Family Fast Day, last Friday. Please deposit your donations in the **BUCKET** at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have supported this very worthwhile Catholic charity so far.

VERY WELL DONE ... to our wonderful children, preparing for their First Holy Communion and who made their First Reconciliation this weekend. Thank you also to Jean and Pir who have prepared them over the past weeks.

OUR DONATION CARD MACHINE: has now been updated so that you can select a specific area for your donation... **Weekly Giving; Candles; Mass Offerings** or **Repository Shop**. Once you select one of these options you will be able to choose the amount you would like to give in the normal way. Please do select the Gift Aid option too if you are able. Many thanks for all your kind donations to our Church. You keep us going so that we can continue to do all the things we do.

ARE YOU A CANDLE MAKER? We have a large amount of partly used candles which we usually send away for recycling. If you make your own candles or can make use of these, do please let Daphne or Ken know in the Sacristy.

APOLOGIES there is no Tuesday morning Mass this coming week.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: Friday 1st March at 11.00am at St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Refreshments after the service. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service of prayer & worship.

HOLY CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME FOR 2024 begins on Thursday 25th April for young people in school years 9 & 10 and who attend Mass here. Registration for the programme will open soon.

LITTLE CHURCH at the 10.30am Mass. Parents, please encourage your little ones to attend their liturgy. Help us, to help you teach them the faith.

HOLY BAPTISM IS A JOYOUS SACRAMENT We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here regularly. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding godparents are available.

FOOD BANK BOX: Your kind donations, can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, They go directly to help others locally.

CHILDREN'S MASS CARDS AND MISSALS are available at the back of the church to help our little ones to pray and to learn the Mass. Parents please encourage your children to use these as you support them on their Christian journey.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the collection plate: £229.55p
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online: £988.83p per week - weekly average for January. 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 do all we do, without your support.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
St Joseph -19th March
Palm Sunday-beginning of Holy Week -24th March
Maundy Thursday - 28th March
Good Friday - 29th March
Holy Saturday - 30th March
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 31st March
First Holy Communion Mass 4th May (11.00am)

WARM HUB

ON THURSDAYS
10.00am- 11.30am



Free and open to all


No need to book - just come along

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Refreshments available

LIKE PIZZA? YOU'LL LOVE THE DOUGH SHACK They are outside the church every Thursday from 5.00pm. You can pre-order on Thursdays, using the QR code or call direct on 0203 488 3470



AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS are available in the hall, following the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Please enter via the outside hall door. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

has been sponsored this week by Juan for private intentions.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Alan Cook RIP
Janet Sherman-Clark RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS FEBRUARY

Canon George Groves, Peter Madyslam,
Sarah Sharratt, Fr Michael Groarke, Mary Pitfield
Fr Ron Aylward, Bernard Bunce, Nora Harris,
Raymond Restel, Anne Quinn, Terry Sharratt,
Brenda Jones, Patrick Harris, Barbara Hughes,
Stephen Marriage, Samuel William Elliott,
Susan Jane Connerty-Smith.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD