

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

Sun ✠ 31st March <i>British Summer Time</i>	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	8.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 01 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	Masses locally, telephone for details: St Michael's ,Ashford 01784 252230 St Anne's ,Chertsey 01932 562375 St Ignatius, Sunbury 01932 783507 <i>Please also check church websites for any updates. If you need a Priest urgently during this week, please do contact one of the other local Catholic churches.</i>
Tue 02 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Wed 03 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Thurs 04 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Fri 05 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	
Sat 06 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	No <u>Morning</u> Mass	
Sun ✠ 07 April	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Nechama Argent RIP (Birthday) For Meg Allen RIP

Back to the regular schedule from the week commencing Monday 8th April:

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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We are a registered charity No: 233699

TO MAKE A DONATION or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:

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Easter Octave

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic calendar, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by this, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate the Risen Lord this Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness. May the joy of the Risen Lord be yours this Easter.

*A very happy Easter
to you all*



WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US! At all Easter Sunday Masses, the Sequence is said, after the second reading. In place of the Creed; the renewal of Baptismal Promises takes place after the homily.

THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES have been celebrated fully at SJF. But as you know, our Masses and Liturgies don't just happen. Some wonderfully dedicated people gave many hours of their time voluntarily to provide, what we sometimes don't give a second thought to. Thank you to all who helped to prepare over Holy Week and into our Easter celebrations. Special thanks to our Sacristans who have prepared, cleaned & polished their way through the past weeks. Thanks also to our flower arrangers, gardeners, altar servers, cleaners, readers and to our wonderful musicians and singers, Eucharistic Ministers and those who stepped up to help out when needed, at the 11th hour, for those last minute things. If you helped in any way, thank you. Your kind dedication to SJF and the Lord, is greatly appreciated by us all.

LITTLE CHURCH IS ON HOLIDAY FOR EASTER SUNDAY... but will be back next week. Children's Mass sheets and cards are available at the back of the church.

EASTER HOLY WATER This was blessed during the Easter Vigil and is available from the Holy Water dispenser which is close to the font. Please ensure that you close off the tap after use (pull up) if you are struggling - just ask.

OUR CHURCH is a friendly place, but it's easy to reach out to those we already know. This Easter there may well be visitors and people returning

after some time away. A smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference and pointing out where Mass sheets are can be invaluable. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY is 'Divine Mercy Sunday' and is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion mystically given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins.

HOW IS EASTER SUNDAY DETERMINED? Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday *after* the first full moon of the Spring equinox. So Easter in the Gregorian calendar in use today, always falls between 22nd March and the 25th April. You might have heard that our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters celebrate Easter at a different time? This is because they still use the Julian calendar, which calculates Passover and Easter to a different date.

HOLY HARDWEAR: Our Repository Shop is stocked with Easter Cards, Walk With Me Eastertide Prayer Journals and if there is any left over... a real treat, Mrs B's organic local honey. All proceeds go to SJF. Thanks for your support.

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 19TH APRIL The Lourdes annual Quiz night is fast approaching!! This year it will be held on Friday 19th April. Tickets are £10pp. To sign up see the sheet in the porch. There will be a bar available but feel free to bring your own snacks. Doors open at 19.00, quiz starts at 19.30. Don't miss out on a great evening!

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH - 26TH JULY

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available. There are also many volunteering opportunities. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by 30th April.

HOLY CONFIRMATION - CLASS OF 2024

Registration Forms are now available at the back of church, for young people in School Years 9 and 10, who attend Mass here and who wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: We have a final total raised: £452.38p Thank you for your generosity for those in need. Your kindness will make all the difference to their lives.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. You are extraordinarily generous to local people in need

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS will be available again from next Sunday .

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES available from the back of the church contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests working at SJF throughout the year. They are not a personal gift, and are not given in addition to the annual stipend for Fr Shaun. Your support, as always is very much appreciated.

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

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the collection plate: £469.69p
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online: £846.96p per week - weekly average for February 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.

CAN YOU SPONSOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP? There are currently no intentions/sponsors booked for the candle lamp burning next to the Holy Tabernacle for the current year. If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, the cost is just £5 for a whole week. Just let us know your preferred week and your intention. In the office. Additionally, if you would like a Mass offered for your own intentions, or for the repose of the soul, or for a birthday or in thanksgiving, the diocesan guideline is £10 or whatever you can afford. All your offerings directly support the work of your church. Thank you.

APOLOGIES: the weekday Masses for next week are suspended, whilst Fr Shaun is on annual leave. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and the Masses on Sunday morning at 8.30am and 10.30am will be celebrated as normal.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S DRAMA OPEN DAY Tuesday 9th April 2-4pm, St Lawrence's RC Parish Centre, 9 The Green, Feltham, TW13 4AF. Their Drama workshops offer an exciting and original program for adults with learning difficulties. This is a free event—please confirm your interest to attend by calling Karen 07394 566361.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**
is sponsored this week for
Mick Frain RIP
May he rest in peace

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Fr Michael Daley R.I.P
Terence Birchall RIP
Arthur (Ken) Johnson RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward,
Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly,
Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith,
Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones,
Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose,
Fr Anton Cowan, Catherine Monica Clarkin,
Jeffrey Cowen.

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD