

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

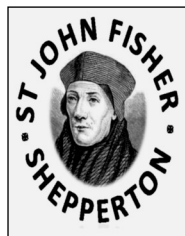
Sun ✘ 10 Mar	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For Patricia Barr - a special intention For Margaret Rodgers who is ill
Mon 11 Mar	Lent Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 12 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am	Little Francis Paul Joseph - for healing
Wed 13 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Holy Rosary after morning Mass</i>	In thanksgiving
Thurs 14 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall</i>	For Helen Diekmann RIP - on the anniversary of her birthday
Fri 15 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass <i>Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm</i>	For Patricia Morrison - birthday intentions
Sat 16 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Richard Sullivan RIP
Sun ✘ 17 Mar	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For C. Lynn RIP & Lorraine Babcock RIP For Cecil Rowntree 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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of Lent

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday - Mothering Sunday

The 4th Sunday of Lent, presents a reflection on themes of longing for God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity.

These readings invite us to think about our lives, in the light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to

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recognise our wrongdoings, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and a return to God's grace. Through the narrative of the Babylonian exile and the words of Jesus in the Gospel of St John, chapter 3, we are reminded of the transformative power of belief and the hope that lies in renewal - a deeper faith and a growing relationship with the Lord.

God's relationship with humanity is characterised by both justice and immense love. Despite the challenging reality of judgment, there is always a path back to God through

repentance, illuminated by the light of Christ.

We are encouraged to embrace the light, acknowledge God's sacrificial love, and to move towards a future where our actions are aligned with God's will.

As we journey through Lent, hold fast to the promise of renewal and the gift of God's mercy. Celebrate the profound love the Lord has for each one of us, manifested through the giving of His only Son, who is the Saviour of the World.



WELCOME as we continue on our pilgrimage through this holy Season of Lent. It's a season of fasting, praying and giving. As we prepare for the events of 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?

MOTHERING SUNDAY is an ancient title given to this Sunday - midway through Lent. It is traditionally the day that the faithful would go to visit, go a mothering, to the church of their Baptism. Nowadays this weekend is also used as an occasion to give thanks for our mothers, living and departed. We wish all our mothers a blessing on this day. We pray also for the souls of our dear departed mothers.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME parents please continue to follow your child's progress through their workbooks, ensuring that they are completing their homework each week. Encourage your child to say their prayers and importantly, bring them to Holy Mass. You are the first educators of your little ones. Help them to celebrate this wonderful gift of faith, before the world tries to teach them something else!

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.

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.

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.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024 Please support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal if you can. All funds raised go towards projects across 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.

HOLY CONFIRMATION — CLASS OF 2024 Registration Forms will be available from next weekend, for young people in School Year 9 & 10, who attend Mass here. Start date: Thursday 25th April, 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

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)
 Holy Confirmation Mass Thurs. 13th June 7.00pm

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Shaun the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR will perform Johann Sebastian Bach's retelling of the St John Passion on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Cathedral are offering parishioners an opportunity to buy your tickets at a discount of 30%. Discounted tickets are available at the following link, using the password : **SJP30** The Choir directed by Master of Music, Simon Johnson, will be accompanied by a period Baroque Orchestra and joined by outstanding soloists: James Gilchrist and William Thomas. This is a wonderful chance to hear the Cathedral's superb choir performing one of the greatest pieces of Easter music ever written.

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30>

LOCAL CHOIR CONCERT: Walton Voices will be performing two contrasting settings of the Mass, both by living composers, in their Spring concert on Saturday 23rd March in Weybridge. These are the beautiful Sunrise Mass by Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, and the Misatango by the Argentinian composer Palmeri, which is based on the traditional tango music from his country. Tickets cost £17 for adults, and children under 16 are free. For booking go to:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT>

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
 Loose giving in the collection plate: £283.98p
 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.

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.

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



WARM HUB

ON THURSDAYS
10.00am-11.30am



Free and open to all

ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH HALL
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SHEPPERTON, TW17 0DH

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Refreshments 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. Thank you for your generosity!

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE AND SWITCH ON YOUR HEART AND MIND TO THE LORD THIS LENT

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week in thanksgiving, for the Broughton family

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED ANNIVERSARIES THIS MARCH
 Arthur (Ken) Johnson RIP
 Denis Ryan, E.J. Cane, Kathleen Sweet, Rose Ryan, Fr Charles Connor, John Ohlson, Victoria Roberts, Patricia Macklin, Mary O'Sullivan, James O'Sullivan, Lynn Guevara, Maureen Mitchell, Eileen Tams, Helen Bool, Brian Duffy, Matthew Sawyer, Jane Bermingham, C.V. Pepper, Mary Cotter, Joy McQuade.
ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD