

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN FISHER CHURCH

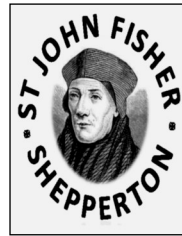
Sun ☒ 17 Mar	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For C. Lynn RIP & Lorraine Babcock RIP For Cecil Rowntree RIP
Mon 18 Mar	Lent Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 19 Mar	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM	Mass at 9.30am	For Sir Joseph Leon Mathieu Perez RIP
Wed 20 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Holy Rosary after morning Mass</i>	For Fr Tom Quinn RIP
Thurs 21 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Warm Hub 10-11.30am in the hall (last week)</i>	For Andrew Barr - a special intention
Fri 22 Mar	Lent feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass <i>Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm</i>	For Arthur(Ken)Johnson RIP
Sat 23 Mar	Lent Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For David Wickham RIP
Sun ☒ 24 Mar	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD HOLY WEEK BEGINS	Sat Vigil Mass 6.00pm 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	For the people of this parish For the people of this parish For the people of this parish

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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Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings
Week 5
of Lent

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY



In the weeks of Lent so far, we have followed God's work of salvation. We have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel, after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant - different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and his people living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something is sacrificed, as a sign of the new relationship. Normally this would be the sacrifice of an animal. The New Covenant however, is ratified not with the death of a sheep or bull, or bird, but by the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice and the source of our eternal salvation.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34: God promises a new covenant with Israel and Judah, different from the old. He will write His laws on their hearts, be their God, and they, His people. All will know Him and be forgiven.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9: Jesus Christ, during His time on earth, earnestly prayed to the Father, and was heard for His deep reverence. Through suffering, He learned obedience, becoming the source of eternal salvation for His followers.

Gospel John 12:20-33: When some Greeks sought Jesus during Passover, He spoke of His impending death, likening it to a grain of wheat that must die to produce many seeds. He emphasised self-denial for eternal life and the honour given to those who serve Him.

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?

THE VEILING OF IMAGES IN CHURCH The images or statues in church are now veiled and remain covered until the first Mass of Easter. The veiling expresses the Church's sorrow at this time and helps us to focus on the final days and the Passion of Christ, gently reminding us how sin separates us from God.

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!

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.

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.

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: great news about two of our local Catholic schools who have both just received Outstanding OFSTED reports. Congratulations to both St Richard Reynolds Catholic College and St Paul's Catholic College, both of whom received brilliant results in their recent inspections.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE VACANCY: Teacher of Business Studies – ECT's welcome. Required September 2024. St Paul's is one of the most successful schools in the country and GCSE results are consistently in the top 10% nationally. We have an excellent reputation for training and career progression and take pride in making sure that our teachers are the best they can be. We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and

enthusiastic Business Studies teacher to join our department within a deeply caring school environment.

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 and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by **Tuesday 30th April**.

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.

HOLY CONFIRMATION - CLASS OF 2024

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

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).

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: £331.67p
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.

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



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!

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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY has been sponsored this week for the people of this parish

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Terence Birchall RIP
Arthur (Ken) Johnson RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MARCH
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