

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 07 April	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Nechama Argent RIP (Birthday) For Meg Allen RIP
Mon 08 April	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 09 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For E J Cane RIP
Wed 10 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after morning Mass Funeral Mass 12 noon	For Richard (Dick) Nolan RIP  For the repose of the soul of Arthur (Ken) Johnson
Thurs 11 April	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Mary Brennan RIP
Fri 12 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	
Sat 13 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Catherine Monica Clarkin RIP (1st Anniversary 7th April)
Sun ☒ 14 April	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Margaret Brindle RIP (1st Anniversary) Pro Populo for the people of the Parish For Marion Byrne 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 7th April 2024 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday Weekly Newsletter



After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures, describing the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses.

We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, Holy Baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead.

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection. with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours, as we listen to the account.

## ☒ ALLELUIA ☒ HE IS RISEN

**WELCOME - It's great to have you with us today. Happy Easter!**

**WE WELCOME** Fr Joe Ryan who will be celebrating the weekend Masses. We are delighted to have him with us. Fr Shaun, will be back from leave on Tuesday 9th April. .



**THIS 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.

**LITTLE CHURCH IS BACK!** 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.

**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.

**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.

**QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** The Lourdes annual Quiz night is fast approaching!! This year it will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 in the church hall following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

**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**

Easter weekend collection: £1,120.30  
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 still spaces available to book intentions/sponsors 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.

**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 programme for adults with learning difficulties. This is a free event—please confirm your interest to attend by calling Karen 07394 566361.

#### **SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

St George : 23rd April : Mass at 9.30am  
First Holy Communion Mass: Sat 4th May at 11.00am  
The Ascension of the Lord : Thurs 9th May: Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm  
Pentecost Sunday: 19th May: 6.00pm Vigil: 8.30am & 10.30am  
Holy Confirmation Mass: Thurs 13th June: 7.00pm

#### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2:30pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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). Closing date Monday 15th April.

**ALL MASSES** at SJF are live streamed via *YouTube*.for those who are incapacitated by ill health.

**Prayer for peace in the Middle East**  
"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war."  
Isaiah 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,  
we seek your help  
for the peoples of the Middle East.  
Quiet the clamour of war  
and guide us towards peace.  
Where there is hatred and division  
sow seeds of calm and openness.  
Where there is destruction  
help us to rebuild.  
Where children are crying  
bring an end to tears.  
Shelter your peoples and protect them  
Guide them and keep them from harm.  
Show us how to break down  
the barriers of history and fear  
and breathe whispers of hope.  
Amen.  
*Linda Jones / CAFOD*

#### **THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY**

is sponsored this week for  
Noel Brown RIP  
and his family's intentions.

#### **PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Fr Michael Daley RIP  
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**