

# THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ☒ 14 April	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	For Margaret Brindle RIP (1st Anniversary) Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Marion Byrne RIP
Mon 15 April	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 16 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Noel Brown RIP and his family
Wed 17 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am <i>Holy Rosary after morning Mass</i>	For Jeff Cowen RIP - 1st anniversary
Thurs 18 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For James (Peter) McDonough
Fri 19 April	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr (Diocesan)	Mass at 9.30am <i>Exposition &amp; Benediction follows Mass</i>	For the housebound, those in hospital and all who are receiving medical treatment at this time.
Sat 20 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am <i>Holy Baptism 12.00 noon</i>	<i>This Mass is available for your intention</i>
Sun ☒ 21 April	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.00pm Sat Vigil</b> <b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b>	For Richard (Dick) Nolan RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Alan Cook 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 14th April 2024 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Weekly Newsletter



**First Reading** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Peter declares that by rejecting Jesus and choosing a murderer instead, the people and their leaders acted in ignorance. Jesus' death and resurrection fulfil God's prophecy. Peter urges repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 4: In times of trouble, I call on God, who rescues and listens. His miracles affirm, his faithfulness and his light bring joy to my heart. In his care, I find unparalleled peace and security.

**Second Reading** 1 John 2:1-5: If we sin, Jesus Christ the righteous, advocates for us. He atoned for our sins, and extends his mercy beyond us to the whole world. True knowledge of him is demonstrated by our listening and acting on his commands.

**The Gospel** Luke 24:35-48: The disciples recounted their recognising of Jesus with the breaking of bread. Jesus then appeared, offering peace and dispelling fears of his being a ghost, by showing his hands and feet and eating fish, thus demonstrating his physical Resurrection. The Risen Lord explained the scripture prophecies about his suffering, resurrection and the call to spread forgiveness in his name, and thereby affirming their roles as his witnesses - his disciples.

✠ ALLELUIA ✠  
HE IS RISEN

## HAPPY EASTERTIDE WELCOME TO MASS!

**LITTLE CHURCH IS AT THE 10.30AM MASS.** 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.

**FOR OUR CHILDREN:** Have you noticed the flag which is flying outside the front of our church? Do you know why it's flying? Do you know the name of the flag? Can you remember its colours? It's called a Papal Flag and it displays the Vatican City coat of arms, with the crossed keys of St Peter, who was the very first Pope. Its colours are yellow and white and we fly the Papal flag on very special occasions, for example, at Christmas - to mark the birth of Jesus and at Easter to celebrate that Jesus is alive. We know that St Peter was the first pope - do you know the name of the Pope today? We mention his name and pray for him during the Mass, listen out for it. Our current Pope's photograph is in the entrance to the church— look out for it. And remember to look up at the Papal Flag as you leave the church after Mass today and say thank you Jesus, for being with us all.

**LAST CHANCE:** 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 is this coming Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**EASTER HOLY WATER,** blessed during the Easter Vigil, is available from the Holy Water dispenser which is close to the font. Just help yourself, but please ensure the tap is closed off after use.

**THANK YOU** for all the kind cards and personal gifts, given to me this Easter. Your kindness and generosity, as always are much appreciated. Thank you. Fr Shaun.

**QUIZ NIGHT – NEXT 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!

**HOLY CONFIRMATION - CLASS OF 2024 UPDATE** The course begins soon, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Registration Forms are 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 Please return your registration forms ASAP, but by 18<sup>th</sup> April, next week, at the latest Registration ends on this date to allow time to order materials.

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

**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 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE** after the 10.30am Sunday Mass - in the church hall. You will be most welcome. The hall for refreshments and access to the toilets is via the outside door, along the side of the church.

**THE CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL** raised £84.82p for good causes. Thank you if you contributed with cash or if you completed an appeal envelope separately.

**THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** for the Holy Places in the Holy Land raised £208.83. Thank you as always for your kind generosity.

**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

Weekend collections: £211.25

Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online averaged £844.08p per week during March. Our weekend loose offertory collection is also important and continues for those who do not have a bank standing order or who do not use the card machine. Whatever way you support our continuing 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.

### SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St George: 23<sup>rd</sup> April : Mass at 9.30am

First Holy Communion Mass: Sat 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am


The Ascension of the Lord : Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May:

Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm

Pentecost Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> May: 6.00pm Saturday

Vigil Mass and 8.30am & 10.30am on Sunday

Holy Confirmation Mass: Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June: 7.00pm

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

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND** - Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall Seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, Rome, and presently on pastoral

placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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  
the repose of the soul of Lorna Troop  
Eternal rest grant to dear Lorna O Lord

### PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Fr Michael Daley RIP  
Terence Birchall 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