

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✘ 21 April	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Richard (Dick) Nolan RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Alan Cook RIP
Mon 22 April	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 23 April	SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England	Mass at 9.30am FHC 5-6pm	For our Nation
Wed 24 April	St Erkenwald & St Mellitus Diocesan	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary after morning Mass	<i>This Mass is available to book for your intentions - please contact the office</i>
Thurs 25 April	ST MARK, Evangelist	Mass at 9.30am Confirmation course 7pm	For Jim Gibson RIP
Fri 26 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Margaret Gane - intentions
Sat 27 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Dave Joslin - for healing
Sun ✘ 28 April	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For James (Peter) McDonough 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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We are a registered charity No: 233699

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

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/>



Sunday cycle
Readings Year B
Weekday Readings:
4th Week of Easter
Divine Office:
Easter 4

ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday 21st April 2024
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Good Shepherd Sunday
Weekly Newsletter



THIS SUNDAY is traditionally called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because of the Gospel narratives (from St John, chapter 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his flock. A general theme to the scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising). The first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save. One of the results of the “power of his name” is that in him we are all God’s children and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. Jesus said this before his Passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true and by his dying and rising, he has truly saved his flock.

✘ ALLELUIA ✘
HE IS RISEN

HAPPY EASTERTIDE - WELCOME TO MASS!

CONGRATULATIONS to baby Domenico Stillitano who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We pray for him as he begins his journey of faith with Jesus and give thanks to his parents for generously bringing baby Domenico to faith. May the Lord bless them all.

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.

THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY and our second collection, as you leave the church, will support the Priest Training Fund. 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 in Rome, 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 gift ensures we can provide training for these men, responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, some are still available at the back of the church. Please place your donation in the bucket at the back of the church as you leave. You can also use the QR code on the poster to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

HOLY CONFIRMATION - CLASS OF 2024 BEGINS
The course begins this coming Thursday (25th) in the church hall at 7.00pm. Candidates, please arrive in good time or you will miss the pizza! Parishioners, please pray for our young people as they prepare for this wonderful Sacrament of Confirmation.

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

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: £231.86
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 SJF.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St George: 23rd April : Mass at 9.30am
First Holy Communion Mass: Sat 4th May at 11am
The Ascension of the Lord : Thurs 9th May:
Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm
Pentecost Sunday: 19th May: 6.00pm Saturday
Vigil Mass and 8.30am & 10.30am on Sunday
Holy Confirmation Mass: Thurs 13th June: 7.00pm

THE DIOCESAN AUDITORS HAVE ACCEPTED OUR ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN FOR 2023.

Thank you to Traci, our Finance Committee and for your wonderful support. We do not receive a subsidy from the Diocese or the State. All we do, is only made possible because of your generosity, and we are careful with every pound that you give in thanksgiving to God for our church. Your kindness enables us to keep our doors open, the light and heating on and too proclaim the Good News.

**Receipts & Payments Summary
Year to Date to 31st December 2023**


Excluding Lourdes and Hall Project

Assessable Income	Total
Offertories Envelopes	1,070.00
Offertories Standing Orders & Online giving	37,673.63
Offertories Loose Plate & Contactless	20,614.68
Tax Refunds	10,555.36
General Donations & Fund Raising	507.05
Total Assessable Income	70,420.72
Non-Assessable Income	
Catechetics	524.64
Candles & Repository	3,834.7
Parish Centre Revenue	5181
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Mass Stipends, Fees	82,86.98
Specific Donations	210
Third Party Receipts	2,499.51
Bank Interest	4,323.14
Total Non-Assessable Income	24,859.97
Total Receipts	95,280.69
Expenditure	
Clergy Stipends (Fr Shaun - salary)	10,299.96
Non-Clergy Salaries	8,945.47
Travel Expenses	337.32
Supply Priests (holiday/sick cover)	2,390
Housekeeping	1,252.56
Catechetics	32.4
Liturgical Expenses	2,044.53
Candles & Repository	1,850.85
Property Repairs and Renewals	5,188.59
Heat, Light & Water	9,206.79
Council Tax, Insurance & Rates	4,222.13
Parish Centre Expenses	2,270.56
Office & Administration	2,833.52
Parish Activities	1,547.64
Mass Stipends Distributed	150
Donations/Grants	289.67
Miscellaneous Expenses	167.63
Purchase of Fixed Assets	2675
Diocesan Assessment (Payment to the Diocese)	13,414.2
Third Party Payments	2,556.76
Total Payments	71,675.58
Total Surplus / Loss	23,605.11

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.

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.

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



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for our children and teenagers who are preparing to receive the Holy Sacraments.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Christopher Robert Wyld RIP
Fr John Warnaby RIP
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