THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 12 May	**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am** **10.30am**	For Dave Joslyn RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Sheelagh Horne & Tim Aherne RIP
Mon 13 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 14 May	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For Dave Joslyn RIP
Wed 15 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	In thanksgiving - for Paul & Tesmi on their wedding anniversary
Thurs 16 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am Confirmation course - 7pm start	A private intention
Fri 17 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	For Fr Paul Rout - 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood
Sat 18 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Elizabeth and George Killingbeck RIP
Sun ✠ 19 May	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jean Diekmann RIP For Dave Joslyn 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 12th May 2024
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Weekly Newsletter

Sunday cycle Readings Year B
Weekday Readings: 7th Week of Easter
Divine Office: Easter 7



Jesus, looking to heaven, prayed in God's name for his disciples' protection, to unite them, as he and the Father are united. Jesus acknowledged his care for them and his imminent return to the Father, desiring them to fully experience his joy.

Jesus asked not for their removal from the world, but for their protection from the evil one, emphasizing their sanctification and separation from worldly values. The Lord committed himself to their consecration, so that they could continue his mission to the world.

On this weekend of the 7th Sunday of Easter, the prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel can be particularly meaningful, echoing the protective themes in the Gospel. This prayer calls upon St. Michael to defend us against evil, reflecting Jesus' request for his followers' protection. As we read about Jesus praying for our safety and unity, our prayer to St. Michael can reinforce this. A reminder, of the spiritual support we have, in our battles against the forces that seek to divide or harm us.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US
IN MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FHC CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE who received their First Holy Communion last week. We shall present certificates this weekend. Please continue to keep our children in your prayers in this joyful Eastertide and remember too, our young people preparing for their Holy Confirmation in June.

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 their faith.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Thank you to all who attended the Ascension Masses here and in school last Thursday. We were truly blessed by the Lord and by your presence. Thank you.

FOR YOUR DIARIES: Saturday Night is Music Night Saturday 22nd June 7.30pm. Please come and support this social/fund raising event in aid of the refurbishment of the hall fund. There will be musicians and singers from SJF Parish performing songs including pop/rock music, country & western, folk and Irish. More details will follow in future newsletters. Watch this space!

DAVID JOSLYN RIP We have been saddened to hear the news of Dave's death recently. Many people will remember Dave as a volunteer in Lourdes each year, as a work colleague at Clover Shipping or as a member of the congregation here, at the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. The Funeral Mass for Dave will be held here on Thursday 30th May at 12.00 noon. Please pray for the repose of his soul and remember his wife Mary and Hannah and James in your prayers. Go forth Christian soul, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you, since the foundation of the world.

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.

REPOSITORY SHOP: We now have new stock of cards. Please do have a look. Apologies, but we have had to increase the price of all our cards to £1.20. We hope that you will still find this competitive, compared to other places. Thanks for supporting your church.

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.

GIFT AID WEEKENDS 11th/12th May and 18th/19th May Firstly, many thanks to all of you for your generosity in giving financially to our Parish. 'Gift Aid' is a Government scheme that allows the Parish to reclaim tax on donations made by UK tax-payers. It effectively adds 25 pence to every Pound that you give (at no extra cost to yourself). If you are a UK tax-payer, all you need to do is complete a simple form, saying that you are a UK tax-payer, and that the total tax you pay is more than the amount the parish will reclaim on your donations. Last year 2022/23 our main gift aid claim-back was £8,555.36 This is free money from the government for St John Fisher Church. If this is something you could consider doing, or if you would like to know more details, there will be parishioners in the porch over the above weekends, who will be more than happy to talk to you about Gift Aid.

A NEW LECTIONARY FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - COMING FOR ADVENT 2024 The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal (the book used for the celebration of the Mass), in 2011 and has now continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. Currently we use the Jerusalem Bible. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical settings that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. If you currently use your own copy of the Sunday or Weekday Missal with Lectionary this will, rather frustratingly, go out of use, from the first Sunday of Advent. We hope to place an order with CTS (Catholic Truth Society), who are authorised to Publish the new texts in due course, via our repository shop. More information on this, will be available soon.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE HALL… as you have likely guessed, we are terrifically behind on our original schedule for the planned works. We have been required to undergo additional surveys and prepare additional drawings of the building, regarding gas and water pipework, electrics and structural engineering reports. All of this has taken time and expense to prepare. We do not have a start date yet, but the schedule of works is being prepared. As soon as we have a start date, we shall let you know. Earlier in this Newsletter, we asked you to save a date in your diary for **Saturday Night is Music Night.** Please do support this event. Chris Smyth is arranging this. Currently it is the only fundraising event planned, in support of our hall refurbishment. Rehearsals have been underway over the past weeks, so it will be a good night out. If you would like to organize an event, in support of our hall refurbishment, please let us know - it would be great to hear your ideas and to help you to get them off the ground.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Pentecost Sunday: 19th May: 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 8.30am & 10.30am on Sunday
The Most Holy Trinity: Sunday 26th May
Corpus Christi: Sunday 2nd June.
Holy Confirmation Mass: Thurs 13th June: 7.30pm
Ss John Fisher & Thomas More: Saturday 22nd June: Mass at 10.00am.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Weekend collections: £288.75
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.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE VACANCY: St Paul's is one of the most successful schools in the country and our GCSE and 'A' level results are consistently in the top 10% nationally. We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and enthusiastic teacher to join our RE Department. Application packs are available at: **www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/information/employment-opportunities.** If you require further information regarding the role, please contact Mrs De Rosa at **mderosa@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk**.

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 (capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up.

FOOD BANK DROP OFF: Thank you if you have been dropping off food donations. It is heart warming to see the food bin filled up each weekend. You are extraordinarily generous to local people in need.

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



PLEASE PRAY… for our young people, many of whom are sitting their examinations at this time. It's a stressful time for them and their parents.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week by Marian Miranda for her family intentions.

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Dave Joslyn RIP
Christopher Robert Wylde RIP
Fr John Warnaby RIP
Terence Birchall RIP

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MAY
Fr John O'Sullivan, Ella Mary Butterworth, Elsie Curley, Peter Johnson, Alice (Nita) Manning, Mollie Pugh, Jeanne Diekmann, Joe D'Souza, Tom Ray, David Weathers, Bartley Keady, Dorothy Price, Linzi Geddes, Joan King, Daphne Dodd, Kitty Brett, Terry Quinn, Kathleen Johnson, Clive Duveen, Maria Montante

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD