THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

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
Mon 20 May	Mary, Mother of the Church	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 21 May	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving, for Francis Paul celebrating his 7th birthday
Wed 22 May	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Holy Rosary follows Mass	*Available for your intention - please contact the office to book your Mass*
Thurs 23 May	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mass at 9.30am Confirmation course - 7pm start	*Available for your intention - please contact the office to book your Mass*
Fri 24 May	Feria	Mass at 9.30am Exposition & Benediction follows Mass	*Available for your intention - please contact the office to book your Mass*
Sat 25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Mass at 10.00am	For Joana Faustino RIP and for Rui dos Passos RIP
Sun ✠ 26 May	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**	**6.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass** **Nuptial Mass 1.00pm**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Patricia Roughsedge RIP For Dave Joslyn RIP For Lola & Tony, on their Wedding Day

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 19th May 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Weekly Newsletter



We arrive at the fiftieth day and the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is Risen, has Ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

This feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit is so significant for us because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church. In the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his Sacraments, in his Ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word.

To the early Christians, the Holy Spirit had two main effects. It united individuals to life eternal in Christ and it made Christ manifest in the lives of individuals.

The Spirit is mentioned throughout the Old Testament. It is the breath of God, a mighty wind. It is the inspiration for prophets, moving them into speech and action. The Spirit of God was present in the temple.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in Christians, joining them in a common purpose. The Holy Spirit does not remove individuality, but it breaks down barriers which separate, such as different languages. We are drawn into the unity of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and through the Eucharist and in turn, we receive the life of Jesus Christ within us.

COME HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL



WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US. HAPPY PENTECOST !

THIS WEEKEND the Easter Season draws to a close with the celebration of Pentecost. Following Pentecost Sunday, the Paschal (Easter) Candle will be moved closer to the font, where it is lit for Holy Baptisms. For funerals, the candle is moved near to the coffin, to signify that Christian death is a true Passover and hope is assured, through the light of Christ given to us at Baptism. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

PENTECOST SEQUENCE: The Sequence (on the Mass Sheet) is said by all, directly after the second reading and before the Gospel Acclamation. At the end of the Mass, during the words of dismissal, we say (or sing) the double 'Alleluia', as we did on Easter Sunday.

PLEASE PRAY for our young students who are revising or are sitting examinations at school or college. We know that these are stress filled times for them and their families.

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.

SHEPPERTON FAIR: We have very generously been offered a stall at the Shepperton Fair on the 8th June. We are planning to have a bottle/ chocolate tombola and are looking for donations for the stall. If you would like to donate a bottle and/or some chocolate, please can they be left in the porch in the **box marked Lourdes.** (please don't put your donations to the Lourdes Group in the Food Bank box) Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

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!

NEW TO ST JOHN FISHER OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS? Please fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church and online. Please feel free to drop it in to Mandy, our Parish Administrator in the office, if you are passing by. Many thanks.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FHC CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: The First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass will be on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30am. Please put this important date into your diary, to continue the celebration.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE JOB VACANCIES: Teacher of Psychology; Subject Lead of Psychology; Head of Academic Music; Attendance Officer; Learning Support Assistance (Primary). If you are interested in any of these positions, please call 020 8325 4630 or go to: https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2

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.

LAST GIFT AID WEEKEND 18th/19th May Many thanks to all, 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 SJF 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 weekend, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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. 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 will place an order with CTS (Catholic Truth Society), who are publishing the new texts in due course, via our repository shop. More information on this, will be available soon.

A NOTE ABOUT THE CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE, BY THE FRONT ENTRANCE. Thank you if you are using this with you card or mobile phone - it's ideal for those of us who don't carry cash. If you are wanting to give a *contactless* donation for the collection plate, using the machine - please select 'Weekly Giving' and add your amount. If you have booked a Mass Intention, via Mandy in the office or through Fr Shaun, please select 'Mass Offering' and then add your amount. You can also pay for votive candles by selecting 'Candles' If you are paying for a card from the Repository, select 'Repository Shop' and then select 'other amount' typing in the total amount you want to pay. Do let us know if you need help navigating it all.
Whatever way you support our continuing 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 (capture it on your mobile phone) or call direct on 0203 488 3470 or just turn up.

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 the intentions of Margaret & Fred Furey

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Dave Joslyn RIP
Christopher Robert Wylde 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
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