✠ HAPPY EASTER ✠

Sun ✠ 27th April	**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For the intentions of the Lenahan Family For Rose Law & Moria Wood, for healing
Mon 28 April	**ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England**	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 29 April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	For Bob Noble RIP
Wed 30 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Fintan Mullahey RIP and for Jimmy Mullahey RIP
Thurs 01 May	St Joseph the Worker	Mass at 9.30am	For our hall renovation workers - in thanksgiving for their skills
Fri 02 May	St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Mass at 9.30am	For David Tutt RIP
Sat 03 May	ST PHILIP & ST JAMES, Apostles	Mass at 10.00am	For Kathleen Philomena Appleton RIP
Sun ✠ 04 May	**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass**	For Joseph Fernandes RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Margaret Doherty RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass - suspended during refurbishment
Exposition and Benediction is usually on Friday morning - suspended during refurbishment
The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
Prayer Request Box: at the back of the church. ✠ **= Holy Day of Obligation**

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Divine Office: Week 2

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Weekly Newsletter



Pope Francis
Requiescat in Pace - Rest in Peace

265th successor of St Peter
from his election on 13 March 2013
to 21 April 2025.

✠ THE LORD IS RISEN - ALLELUIA ✠



WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US THIS EASTERTIDE! 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. Happy Easter - Happy Sunday!

WE WELCOME Fr Tony Convery who will be celebrating the weekend Masses. We are delighted to have him with us. Fr Shaun, will be back from leave this Tuesday 29th 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.

THANK YOU to all who attended the hastily arranged Requiem Mass for Pope Francis last Tuesday evening. Fr Shaun returned from his annual leave to celebrate the Mass. We tried our very best to reach as many parishioners as possible to get the word out.

OUR PAPAL FLAG, flying in celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord has been lowered to half mast in recognition of the Holy Father's death. It will remain at half mast until the nine day period of mourning, the Novemdiales, starting from the date of the funeral, 26th April, is completed.

THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE: Cardinals under the age of 80 - including Cardinal Vincent, will enter the Conclave, held in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new Pope. Over a series of ballots, a two thirds majority vote is required for a new Pope to be elected. We pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to be amongst the Cardinals and our Church as they make preparation for the new Conclave. Please hold them in your prayers.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: Following the death of Pope Francis, the intercession for the Pope in the Eucharistic Prayer is omitted, until his successor is named. The prayer for the Diocesan Bishop remains.

THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS due to have taken place this weekend has been postponed. The canonisation will most likely take place on a date following the Conclave to elect a new Pope.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Cindy who was Received into the Church and received Holy Confirmation and to Dan who also received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil last Saturday evening. This is wonderful for them and for us. We pray that they may continue to be blessed by the Risen Lord. Cindy and Dan are amongst more than 500 people who received the Sacraments in our Diocese of Westminster last week. Deo Gratias - Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES have been celebrated at SJF and the large numbers of people attending has been a blessing to see. 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.

LITTLE CHURCH AT THE 10.30AM SUNDAY MASS is currently suspended until after the hall refurbishment works have been completed. Please encourage your children to use the Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals during the Mass. Thank you.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 25TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST
This year, the initial application for a place on the pilgrimage is via online application form Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Nichols is now open via the online form at https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by **Wednesday 30th April.** If you do not have access to a computer to register online, we can assist you in the office. Contact us to arrange a time slot. When you come at the pre- arranged time, you'll need to bring with you your GP details, valid Passport, and your EHIC/GHIC Health Insurance card to travel to Lourdes.

YOU ARE REALLY HELPING: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our FOOD BANK BOX, by the church entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support.

HAVE A HOLY MASS offered for your intentions: It may be helpful to know that the Mass bookings for Sundays are booked up months in advance and therefore if you require a specific date in the year, you may want to consider speaking to Mandy in the office (Wednesday and Thursday mornings), asap. Weekday Masses are much easier to book. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford. It's helpful, if you are making a written request to please add your name and contact details. Thank you.

ALL MASSES are live streamed at SJF, offering a valuable link for those who are incapacitated and unable to get to Mass. If you are unwell, just go to You Tube and type in the search box: 'St John Fisher Shepperton'. But as always we enjoy having you with us in person.

APOLOGIES - we are still without toilets, whilst the hall renovations continue.

THE EASTER OFFERING COLLECTIONS TOTAL will be published in next week's newsletter.
Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online: £1033.33 per week - weekly average for March. 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.

THE HALL RENO' CONTINUES. The new toilet spaces have been formed and new partially glazed doors have been hung. Whilst the new space for the accessible toilet has been created from the old men's toilet area we have hit a snag having discovered rotten roof timbers in this area due to water ingress. The roof, will be peeled back there and three new timber joists will be fitted, together with new boarding, felt and flashing etc. This snag was not planned for in the budget, but will be covered within our contingency fund. In the coming weeks the toilets will be painted and fitted out. The ceiling in the hall and the wooden beams will be repainted, the second fix of the electrics will commence and new flooring laid in the toilets, kitchen and storage area. We are making progress, but please keep our contractors and the whole refurbishment in your prayers at this

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for the repose of the souls of Lorna Troop RIP
and Mandy Mollentze RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
POPE FRANCIS RIP
DAVID TUTT 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