✠ HAPPY EASTER ✠

Sun ✠ 20th April	**THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**	**8.00pm Sat Vigil**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	**8.30am**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
		10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 21 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	**Masses locally, telephone for details:**
Tue 22 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	**St Michael's ,Ashford** 01784 252230
Wed 23 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	**St Anne's ,Chertsey 01932 562375**
Thurs 24 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	**St Ignatius, Sunbury** 01932 783507
Fri 25 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass at SJF	*Please also check church websites for any updates. If you need a Priest urgently during this week, please contact one of the other local Catholic churches.*
Sat 26 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	No Morning Mass	
Sun ✠ 27 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

Back to the regular schedule from the week commencing Monday 28th April

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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We are a registered charity No: 233699
To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
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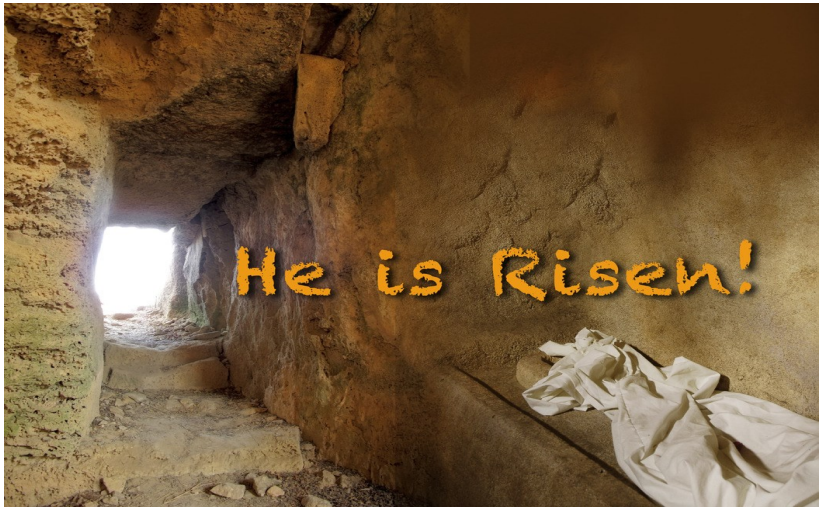
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JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Easter is the most important feast in the Catholic calendar, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus has triumphed over sin and death, and offers us the hope of new life and salvation.

This message of hope is especially important in our world today, where there is so much suffering, pain, and despair. We are all touched by this, whether in our own lives or in the lives of those around us. But the Resurrection of Jesus offers us a way out of this darkness. It reminds us that death is not the final word, and that God never abandons us, even in our darkest moments.

As we celebrate the Risen Lord this Easter, we are called to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers. We are called to let Easter change our hearts and transform our lives, so that we may become more fully the people that God created us to be. We are called to be bearers of hope and agents of new life, bringing the light of Christ to a world that is so often shrouded in darkness.

May the joy of the Risen Lord be yours this Easter.
Have a great Easter Sunday - continue the celebrations!

✠ ALLELUIA - ALLELUIA - ALLELUIA ✠



WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US! At all Easter Sunday Masses, the Sequence is said, after the second reading. In place of the Creed; the renewal of Baptismal Promises takes place after the homily.

THE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES have been celebrated fully at SJF, 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.

OUR CHURCH is a friendly place, but it's easy to reach out to those we already know. This Easter there may well be visitors and people returning after some time away. A smile or a gentle 'hello' can make all the difference and pointing out where Mass sheets are can be invaluable. Thank you.

NEXT 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.

HOW IS EASTER SUNDAY DETERMINED? Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday *after* the first full moon of the Spring equinox. So Easter in the Gregorian calendar in use today, always falls between 22nd March and the 25th April. You might have heard that our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters celebrate Easter at a different time? This is because they still use the Julian calendar, which calculates Passover and Easter to a different date.

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS has appointed Bishop John Sherrington as Archbishop of Liverpool. Bishop Sherrington has been an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster since 14th September 2011. Bishop Sherrington will become the tenth Archbishop of Liverpool. His installation will take place in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Tuesday, 27th May at 12 noon. We give thanks for his ministry in the diocese and pray for Bishop John as he prepares to leave Westminster.

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.

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES available from the back of the church contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of priests working at SJF throughout the year. They are not a personal gift, to the priest. They are however, much appreciated. 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.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK
Loose giving in the collection plate: £469.69p
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 time. Thank you.

THE WEEKDAY MASSES for this week are suspended, whilst Fr Shaun is on leave. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5.00pm and Masses on Sunday morning at 8.30am & 10.30am will be celebrated as normal next weekend.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for Bob Noble RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
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