THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 05 May	Easter Feria Bank Holiday	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 06 May	Easter Feria	Apologies no Mass at SJF today	
Wed 07 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Tim Aherne RIP and Sheelagh Horne RIP (Birthdays)
Thurs 08 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Irma Boeck recently departed
Fri 09 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Joana Faustino & Rui dos Passos RIP
Sat 10 May	Easter Feria	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AT 11.00am	For our children who are making their First Holy Communion today
Sun ✠ 11 May	**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maureen Bernardinis RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Lucian Farcasi 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**
Have a holy Mass offered for your intentions: speak to Mandy in the office (Wed or Thurs AM).
If you are making a written request please add your name and contact details. Thank you.

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Weekday readings: 3rd Week of Easter
Divine Office: Week 3

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Weekly Newsletter



The rest of the world has settled back to normal after the Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the Resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today's Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful, reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: 'Come and have breakfast'. We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the Resurrection of our Saviour.



The second reading today comes from the Book of Revelation. This book is also called the Book of the Apocalypse and is the very last book of the holy Bible. Understanding the Book of Revelation can be difficult. Every time we participate in the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass, we are taking part in a liturgy where heaven and earth happily collide. This heavenly worship is described in the Book of Revelation. It shows countless angels and all creatures praising God and the Lamb. This reading helps us see the Holy Mass as a connection between our worship on earth and the worship continually taking place in heaven. It encourages us to join in this heavenly praise during the Eucharist.

✠ THE LORD IS RISEN - ALLELUIA ✠



WELCOME - It's great to have you with us. Happy Easter - Happy Sunday!

THE HOLY SEE released a declaration... in which the Cardinals preparing for the upcoming conclave ask the faithful to pray for them.

"The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God," read the statement.
The Cardinals said they feel "the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful," since they are aware of their responsibility in choosing the next Successor of Peter. Prayer, they added, "is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ." "Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time," said the Cardinals, "it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit."
The Cardinals noted that the Holy Spirit is "the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what He is saying to the Church."
"May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession," concluded the Cardinals' declaration.

CATHERDRAL PRE-CONCLAVE MASS: There will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 6th May, at 5.30pm to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals gathered in Rome before the Conclave starts on Wednesday. The principal celebrant will be His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia.

THE MONTH OF MAY: As is the custom, our church image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be crowned with flowers during the opening hymn at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. May is a special month for honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary and the tradition of crowning her during this time has deep roots in Catholic devotion, dating back to ancient times. Mary, the Mother of God, holds a special place in Christian devotion. May our Blessed Mother pray for us and for all whom we love.

JOB VACANCY PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – St Margaret on Thames: this position has become vacant. For more details please follow this link: https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-st-margaret-on-thames/

OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS will take place this coming Saturday, 10th May at 11.00am. This will be in place of the usual 10.00am Mass. Please keep our children in your prayers at this time as they prepare for this exciting and momentous event in their lives .

THANK YOU for all the kind cards and personal gifts, given to me this Easter. Your kindness and generosity, as always is much appreciated.
Thank you. Fr Shaun.

ALL MASSES are live streamed at SJF, offering a valuable link for those who are 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.

S.J.F LOURDES LOTTERY BONUS BALL -The Lottery Bonus Ball is about to restart for another 10 weeks. For just £2 a week you can pick a number of your choice, between 1 and 59, and if that number comes up as the bonus ball of the National Lottery on a Saturday evening you will win £25. You can sign up for the 10 weeks after Mass or alternatively contact Katrina on 07921 409402.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS SPONSORED WALK -
A 10-mile sponsored walk to help our fellow volunteers raise funds. The walk will leave from Westminster Cathedral at 11.00am on Sunday 18th May. Anyone volunteering their time in service of the assisted pilgrims can participate in the sponsored walk. If you are volunteering in Lourdes and would like to join in the walk, please email lourdessponsoredwalk@gmail.com. If you would like to support the walkers and help enable their service of the assisted pilgrims in Lourdes this year, please visit https://gofund.me/94d8d649 to contribute to the common fund.

AN ONLINE MEETING DURING DEAF AWARENESS WEEK WITH CARITAS DEAF SERVICE: Wednesday 7th May, 7.00-8.00pm. Learn about the wide-ranging work Caritas Deaf Service do to support the Deaf community and how you can welcome those who are Deaf, Deafblind or hard of hearing within our Church communities. Register here: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/meet-the-caritas-deaf-service/

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

FR SHAUN will be away on Tuesday, there will be no Mass therefore this coming Tuesday morning at 9.30am.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **50** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. **2** of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have **2** seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year **3** deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:
Last weekend collections: £231.98
Easter Sunday weekend loose cash collections: £549.37 - not gift aided.
Gift aided donations: £471.00
This does not include standing orders or weekly donations via the card reader. Whatever way you support our continuing good work here at SJF, thank you. We seriously couldn't do all we do, without your support. You are brilliant!

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Saturday 10th May
First Holy Communion Mass.at 11.00am
Wednesday 28th May
Vigil Mass: The Ascension of the Lord at 7.00pm**.**
Thursday 29th May
Mass: The Ascension of the Lord at 9.30am.
Sunday 8th June: Pentecost Sunday.
Usual weekend Masses

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for the preparations being made for the forthcoming Conclave and the cardinal electors preparing to elect our next Pope

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
JEANNE GOGARTY RIP, Pope Francis RIP
David Tutt 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, David Joslyn.