THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 12 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 13 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our Blessed Lady in thanksgiving
Wed 14 May	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For Joan Bouchier – Hayes RIP
Thurs 15 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For our sick and elderly
Fri 16 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Pope Leo
Sat 17 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For young Francis Paul making his First Holy Communion today
Sun ✠ 18 May	**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For German de Souza RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Gavril Pista 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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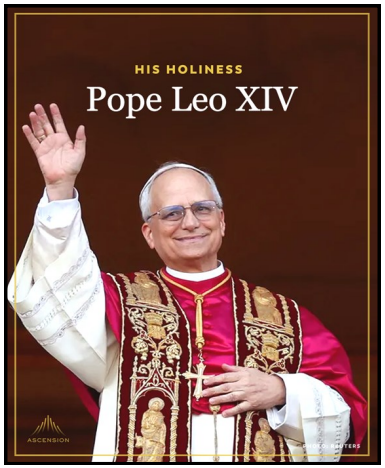
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We are a registered charity No: 233699
To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
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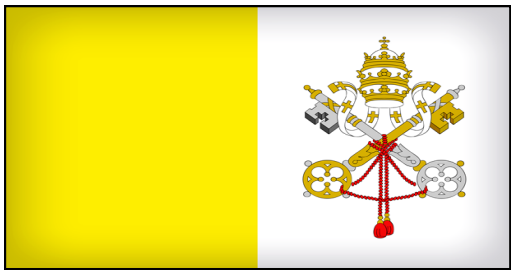
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Weekday readings: 4th Week of Easter
Divine Office: Week 4

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Facts About the New Pope: On May 8th, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., was elected the 267th pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV .
Pope Leo was born on 14th September, 1955, in Chicago, USA. Before his election as pope, Cardinal Prevost served as the Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, and briefly as Apostolic Administrator of Callao. A member of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.), he brings to the papacy decades of experience in missionary service, especially among the poor and needy. His prior roles include serving as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops from 2023 to 2025, where he played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership worldwide. Earlier and before becoming a bishop, he worked in Peru as a seminary professor, judicial vicar, parish priest, and diocesan official. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis on September 30, 2023.
Why Pope Leo? The Meaning Behind His Name: Pope Leo XIV likely chose his papal name in honor of his predecessor, Pope Leo XIII. He was renowned for his intellectual contributions, social teaching, and efforts to bridge the Church with the modern world. By choosing this name, the Holy Father signals a desire to foster faithful dialogue, uphold the dignity of the poor and vulnerable, and renew the Church's intellectual and pastoral mission in continuity with the Gospel and the Church's rich tradition.
What Makes Pope Leo XIV Unique? Pope Leo XIV makes history as the first North American-born pope and the first naturalized Peruvian citizen to be elected to the papacy. His election is also notable as he becomes the first member of the Order of Saint Augustine to ascend to the Chair of St. Peter.
What Is He Known For?
Deep missionary experience in Latin America, especially among the poor. Quiet, reform-minded leadership in the Vatican and the Augustinian order. Languages: Fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese; can understand and read Latin and German; studied mathematics, theology, and canon law. Academic background: Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Canon Law.
His First Words: Pope Leo delivered his first address from St. Peter's Basilica, known as the *Urbi et Orbi* ("*to the city and to the world*") blessing. "Peace be with all of you" he said, from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, setting a tone of blessing and unity for his papacy. Pope Leo also said, "The world needs Christ's light. Humanity needs him to be the bridge so that God and his love can reach us." We pray for our new Pope - Leo XIV - successor of St Peter.



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

WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARY WEEK! We have been privileged to witness this past week, the Conclave to elect a new Pontiff. On the second day, just after 6.00pm the white smoke from the chimney, high above the Sistine Chapel began to pour out and after just four ballots, the great bells of St Peter's Basilica began to ring out. The gathered crowds of people in front of the Basilica cheered and clapped and shouted *Viva il Papa!* As the piazza filled to capacity, the world's media, were captivated by the jubilation and looked on as this supernatural event, unlike any other election, anywhere else in the world, unfolded before the world's eyes. The Cardinals had been locked away and through prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, had elected the successor of St Peter, our new pope.

How to Pray for Pope Leo XIV - Our Holy Father

As Catholics worldwide welcome Pope Leo XIV, and we lift him up in prayer, the weight of the papacy is immense, and our Holy Father will need grace, wisdom, and strength to shepherd the Church. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain him as he begins this mission.

"O God, who in your Divine Providence have bestowed on us Pope Leo XIV as the shepherd of your Church, we ask that you guide his hand in leading and unifying the faithful, keeping us always under your watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen."

What Next? Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Mass of Inauguration in St. Peter's Square, on Sunday 18th May. This liturgy, attended by thousands, includes the bestowal of the Fisherman's Ring and the pallium (symbols of papal authority). Prior to receiving the pallium, it will have been laid onto the tomb of St Peter. Following the Inauguration Mass, the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV begins in earnest.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN who made their first Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Please keep our children in your prayers, that they may grow and be inspired in the faith they have received. Enormous thanks to Jean, Stephanie and Mary our wonderful Catechists who have guided our children over the past weeks. Thanks also to those who made extra efforts to be with us on the day and who helped out in any way at the FHC Mass.

AFTERNOON TEA: Sir Bernard and Lady Pirlanta cordially invite you to Afternoon Tea in the beautiful setting of their Garden on Saturday 7th June from 2.00pm. If you would like to come along and partake in delicious homemade goodies and a glass of bubbles, please sign up in the porch or call Katrina on 07921 409402. £15pp. All proceeds will go to the Lourdes fund.

ALL OUR 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.

HOSTING SUPPLY PRIESTS IN AUGUST: Would you like to host one of our supply priests for one of three weekends in August: 16/17, 23/24, or 30/31? All that is required is an evening meal on Saturday and overnight stay and breakfast. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Shaun or Daphne. This is a lovely ministry of hospitality and it means so much to our visiting priests who come to us so that we may have Mass celebrated for us when Fr Shaun is on leave. Many thanks,

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.

ALONE OR BORED IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. Call to find out more: 0797 338 0443 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall Seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. 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 loose collections: £241.45

April: standing orders/online & card donations £962.08pw 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:

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

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, in the office. Many thanks

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

is sponsored this week for

Elizabeth Killingbeck RIP

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

JEANNE GOGARTY 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.