THIS WEEK AT SJF

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
Mon 19 May	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 20 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For a private intention
Wed 21 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Jeanne Gogarty RIP
Thurs 22 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For Conrad Peters RIP
Fri 23 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	*Available for your Mass intention - please contact the office*
Sat 24 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am **Holy Baptism 12.00noon**	For George and Elizabeth Killingbeck RIP
Sun ✠ 25 May	**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jeanne Diekmann RIP For Catherine Lowe 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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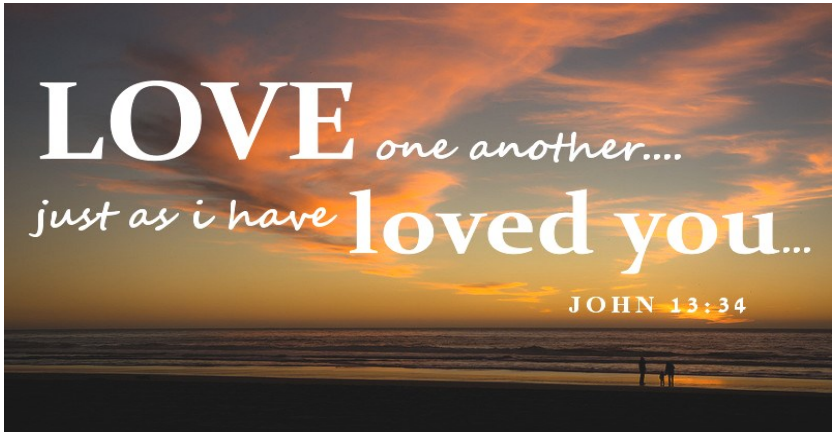
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Sunday cycle Readings Year C
Weekday readings: 5th Week of Easter
Divine Office: Week 1

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, love one another, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost.

Jesus could have spoken about many things at this point. Fear, betrayal, disappointment would all have been appropriate. But instead Jesus speaks of love and service. His trust in his loving Father allows him to be strong against the evil and hatred which surround him.



This new commandment to love is the Lord's parting gift to his Church.

Happy Sunday!

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANCIS PAUL who made his First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. This is great news, following a very challenging few years, spent largely at Great Ormond Street Hospital. We join with Tesmi & Paul and younger sister Elsbeth in celebrating with Francis, this great accomplishment. We hold Francis in our prayers, for continued healing.

MOVING INTO EXAMINATION TIME: We pray for our young people preparing to sit their examinations at this time. If you are finding it all a bit stressful - utilise your faith! Say a prayer, asking for the intercessions of Blessed Mary, Seat of all Wisdom - who unties knots!

CONGRATULATIONS to Max Blackford De Azevedo on his new engineering apprenticeship with BA and on passing his driving test first time! (It's great to share the good news of parishioners - let us know if you would like anything included and we will do our best.

THANK YOU TO VAL AND MARIE who after many years, and having concluded their last counting session this past week, have now retired as one of our counting teams. We have much appreciated your volunteering for the Church - thank you both.

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.

HOSTING SUPPLY PRIESTS IN AUGUST: Would you like to host one of our supply priests for one of two weekends in August: 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.

POPE LEO'S COAT OF ARMS: Pope Leo XIV's devotion to St. Augustine, his life and ministry as a member of the Augustinian order and his focus on the unity of the church are reflected in his episcopal motto and coat of arms.

When he appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica shortly after his election on the 8th May, he introduced himself as "an Augustinian, a son of St. Augustine."



And he explained that the cardinals who elected him "have chosen me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a Church, united, ever pursuing peace and justice, ever seeking to act as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, in order to proclaim the Gospel without fear, to be missionaries."

His episcopal motto is, "In Illo uno unum," or literally "In the One, we are one."

Vatican News explained that the phrase is taken from St. Augustine's "Exposition on Psalm 127," where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

As a cardinal, he told Vatican News in 2023, "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of St. Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking."

His shield, now topped by a mitre instead of the red galero hat on the shield of cardinals, is divided diagonally into two. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily or fleur-de-lis, symbolizing the Virgin Mary, but also his French heritage.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image common to the religious orders named after and inspired by St. Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow.

Vatican News said, "This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of St. Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's word using the phrase: 'Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo' — 'You have pierced my heart with your Word.'"

HALL RENOVATION: The contractor is continuing to make progress. Painters are now onsite and the second fix of the electrics and plumbing will commence shortly. The leaking roof over the area of the old men's toilets has now been remedied with replaced roof joists, insulation etc. The aim is for the main works to be completed by the end of the month. Please keep our workmen and Owen our Project Manager in your prayers. Many thanks.

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

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.

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

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:

Last weekend loose collections: £248.96

First Holy Communion Mass collection: £134.86

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 the good things 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

GREEN FINGERS REQUIRED: Mrs Ayres, a parishioner who lives in Shepperton is looking for someone to tidy her front and rear garden from time to time, weeding cutting the lawn etc. If you are interested, please let the office have your contact details and we can get your details to Mrs Ayres, so that you can discuss requirements and cost. Thank you.

MARK 10 MISSION is a UK based charity created to share the Gospel & bring the love of Jesus to children. Using age-appropriate videos (3-7 yrs & 8 -12 yrs), unfolding each week's Gospel, with songs and a weekly mission file for parents/children. Go to: The Mark 10 Mission - Guide for Parents

https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/parents-guide

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week with prayers for our new Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. We pray for the Holy Father, successor of St Peter.

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.

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord