THIS WEEK AT SJF

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 (anniversary 1997) For Catherine Lowe RIP
Mon 26 May **Bank Holiday**	St Philip Neri, Priest	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP	No Mass at SJF today	
Wed 28 May	Easter Feria **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Vigil)**	Mass at 9.30am **Mass at 7.00pm**	*This Holy Mass is available for your intentions* Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Thurs ✠ 29 May	**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**	**Mass at 9.30am**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 30 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	*This Holy Mass is available for your intentions*
Sat 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 10.00am	For Orlando and for Francis, for healing
Sun ✠ 01 June	**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	*This Holy Mass is available for your intentions* Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Belinda & Markus — for better health

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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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle Readings Year C
Weekday readings: 6th Week of Easter
Divine Office: Week 2

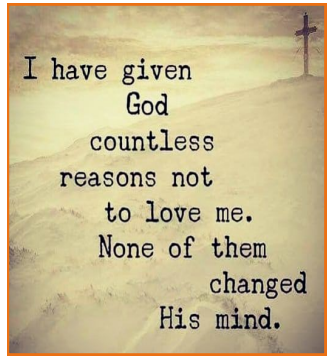
SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2025
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



The readings for this Sunday of Easter, tell us that we can rely on the Holy Spirit to help us in our faith journey.

In the first reading, the Apostles let the Holy Spirit lead them regarding the observance of Mosaic Laws.

The Psalm this week declares, in the first verse "May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shed its light upon us."



In the second reading, John gazes on the new Jerusalem shining with God's glory, with twelve gates and twelve foundations named after the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve Apostles. It shows that God and the Lamb are the temple and light of the city. This vision reminds us that every Eucharistic celebration connects heaven and earth, inviting us to experience God's presence and light.

In the Holy Gospel, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit. He is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence, so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter Season begins to draw to a close, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, of all that Jesus taught, to bring us peace.

Happy Sunday!

✠ ALLELUIA - ALLELUIA - ALLELUIA ✠

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is this coming Thursday, 29th May. A vigil Mass the night before on Wednesday will be at 7.00pm. Mass on the Thursday will be 9.30am. On this holy day of obligation, please do your very best to attend Mass, wherever you may be. Fr Shaun

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN AND KRYSTAL who attend the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. They have just announced their engagement to be married! This is wonderful news - please do hold them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BABY ISABELLE GRACE VAUGHAN who received the beautiful Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday. Congratulations and thanks to Hannah and Stephen her parents for bringing Isabelle Grace to this joyful initiation Sacrament.

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.

WHAT A PICTURE, WHAT A PHOTOGRAPH … Can you help? In preparation for the reopening of our hall, we are hoping to arrange a display of photos showing the different ways we have used the hall throughout the years, both as a church and then as a wonderful resource for the community when it became the church hall. As a church there were weddings, baptisms, First Holy Communions, Masses and much more. Then as a hall coffee mornings, fairs, clubs, nursery, Pantomimes to name a few. If you have any photos showing the history of the building and are happy for us to copy them, please could you bring them to church in an envelope with your name, address and phone number ASAP. We will make sure you will get them back. Please address the envelope to Lyn Derrington. Thank you.

HAVE A HOLY MASS OFFERED for your intentions: speak to Mandy in the office (Wed or Thurs AM) to book your date. If you are making a written request please add your name and contact details. It is now possible to Gift –Aid your Mass offering - at no additional cost to you. Just use a blue Gift - Aid envelope.

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!

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

CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY: It's a kindness when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for other parishioners coming to the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. A waste bin is available for any rubbish at the entrance… oh, and one other thing, please don't leave anything behind, it's amazing what we find.. glasses, purses, phones and car keys. Thank you for helping to look after our lovely church, you are brilliant!..

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.

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

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.

UPDATE HOSTING SUPPLY PRIESTS IN AUGUST: Would you like to host one of our supply priests for one weekend in August: 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,

THANK YOU: The annual second collection for the Priest Training Fund raised £190.00 in gift aided donations and £197.21 in non gift-aided donations, £387.21 in total. The collection directly supports the work of our Diocesan Seminary in the formation and training of priests. Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Diaconate. Please pray also for those men who have offered themselves for ministry and are in formation at this time. The Diocese regularly hold events to foster men's vocations. If you think you might have a vocation, or just want to know more, please speak with Fr Shaun. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this.

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.

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.

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: £262.75
April: standing orders/online & card donations £962.08pw Whatever way you support the continuing work we do 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.

APOLOGIES: a reminder there is no Mass this coming Tuesday. All other Masses are as normal

PARISH WEB SITE: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton or if reading online just click here: Roman Catholic Parish of Shepperton – Church of St John Fisher (rcdow.org.uk)

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week for Mandy's friend who is having ongoing treatment.
May the Lord bring her healing and peace

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