THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 01 June	**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Belinda & Markus — for better health
Mon 02 June	Easter Feria	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 03 June	St Charles Lwanga & Comp. Martyrs	Mass at 9.30am	For Ciaran Moran RIP
Wed 04 June	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	
Thurs 05 June	St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Mass at 9.30am	For Jan Madge - undergoing surgery
Fri 06 June	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am	
Sat 07 June	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	
Sun ✠ 08 June	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish

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: 7th Week of Easter
Divine Office: Week 3

SUNDAY – 1ST JUNE 2025
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



This is an unusual "in between" Sunday, in between the Lord's Ascension into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit.

The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper, a prayer full of concern for his friends and the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen (the first martyr), in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Lord, do not hold this sin against them", is a vision of what the Church must be, a community of love and mercy, always inspired (i.e. guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he didn't leave us... he's just working from home!

The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and the second coming: as we await the Holy Spirit next Sunday. Saint John, in his Book of Revelation, gives us the final vision of our destiny: Let the one who hears say Come! Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

✠ RISEN - ASCENDED - GLORIFIED ✠

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 Thank you to all who came to Mass last week for this Holy Day of Obligation. The church looked splendid for the Masses. Thank you to our Sacristans, cleaners and flower arrangers. Also to our readers and Eucharistic Minsters at both Masses.

NEXT WEEKEND the Church will celebrate Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. Pentecost marks the birthday of the Church. The clergy wear red vestments to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit onto the people of the Church. Why not wear something red yourself and join in the celebrations? Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament We greatly encourage Holy Baptism for babies of families who attend here. It is recommended that Holy Baptism takes place within baby's first year. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding godparents are available from the church porch table.

PLEASE PRAY… for our young people, many of whom are sitting their examinations at this time. It's a stressful time for them and their parents. 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!

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.

ALL BABIES DESERVE A RIGHT TO LIFE! Labour MP, Tonia Antoniazzi, has tabled a new extreme abortion, up to birth, amendment in parliament, ahead of the Report Stage of the Crime and Policing Bill. This change would likely lead to a tragic rise in the number of babies' lives being ended through late-term abortions, right up until birth being carried out at home. Please help us stop this! Please take action now and email or write to your MP. Visit ***www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth*** - it takes just 30 seconds, but your 30 seconds could help to save a life. 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.

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. But we are nearly there!

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: Thank you we now have our 2 host families to look after our visiting clergy. 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,

AFTERNOON TEA – UPDATE!
Sir Bernard and Lady Pirlanta cordially invite you to Afternoon Tea in the beautiful setting of their Garden on Saturday 7th June from 14.00 until 6pm. 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. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday 4th June.

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: £207.93
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!

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.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Sunday 8th June: Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 15th June: The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 22nd June: Corpus Christi
Usual weekend Mass times
Friday 27th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass at 9.30am

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)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *For those who are at home, for Catholics who do not receive Holy Communion and for those who are not Catholic.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, in Holy Communion, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY
is sponsored this week
for the repose of the souls of
Lorna Troop RIP
and Mandy Mollentze RIP
Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS JUNE
William Homewood, Wilfrid Wilson,
Neville Grose, John Butterworth,
Ann Llewellyn, Sheelagh Horne, Chris O'Brien,
Albert Sawyer, Sean Reidy, Ron Colnbrook
Eileen Kelly, Reginald Snell, Bernadette Pepper,
Louis James Rogers (toddler)
Tom Bermingham, David Boyce, Julian Rugseth,
Peggy Johnstone, Theo Morris

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