THIS WEEK AT SJF

Sun ✠ 08 June	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For young Francis Paul who is very poorly Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Mon 09 June	Mary, Mother of the Church	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 10 June	Feria	Mass at 9.30am	For young Francis Paul who is very poorly
Wed 11 June	St Barnabas, Apostle	Mass at 9.30am	For Grace McIlhargey - for a speedy recovery
Thurs 12 June	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mass at 9.30am	*Available for your intentions - just ask in the office*
Fri 13 June	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	In thanksgiving
Sat 14 June	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	*Available for your intentions - just ask in the office*
Sun ✠ 15 June	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Louis James Rogers RIP (toddler) 18.6.2021 For Theresa Aherne RIP anniversary

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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Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
Weekday readings:
Year 1 (From Monday)
Lectionary Year 1
Ordinary Time
Week 10
Psalter week 2

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 8th June 2025
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Weekly Newsletter



We arrive at the fiftieth day and the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is Risen, has Ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

This feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit is so significant for us because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church. In the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his Sacraments, in his Ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. To the early Christians, the Holy Spirit had two main effects. It united individuals to life eternal in Christ and it made Christ manifest in the lives of individuals.

The Spirit is mentioned throughout the Old Testament. It is the breath of God, a mighty wind. It is the inspiration for prophets, moving them into speech and action. The Spirit of God was present in the temple.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in Christians, joining them in a common purpose. The Holy Spirit does not remove individuality, but it breaks down barriers which separate, such as different languages. We are drawn into the unity of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and through the Eucharist and in turn, we receive the life of Jesus Christ within us.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS: If someone asked you to draw the Holy Spirit, you might paint a dove (the Spirit appeared like a dove when Jesus was baptised) or a flame (like the ones that appeared over the heads of the disciples on this Sunday). But really what you could paint is wind! But hang on – you can't see wind, so how can you draw it? Well, you could draw what it does, like bending a tree, blowing the washing on the line, or scattering the leaves. This is what the Holy Spirit is like – we can't see the Spirit, but we can see what the Spirit does: all the good things that people do in our world! So let the Holy Spirit blow you into lots of acts of kindness today! Come to us Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your people.

Happy Sunday!

WELCOME TO MASS AT SJF
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.
HAPPY PENTECOST!

THIS WEEKEND the Easter Season draws to a close with the celebration of Pentecost. Following Pentecost Sunday, the Paschal (Easter) Candle will be moved closer to the font, where it is lit for Holy Baptisms. For funerals, the candle is moved near to the coffin, to signify that Christian death is a true Passover and hope is assured, through the light of Christ given to us at Baptism. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

PENTECOST SEQUENCE: The Sequence (on the Mass Sheet) is said by all, directly after the second reading and before the Gospel Acclamation. At the end of the Mass, during the words of dismissal, we say (or sing) the double 'Alleluia', as we did on Easter Sunday.

SHEPPERTON FAIR: Our Lourdes group have a stall at the Shepperton Fair next Saturday, 14th June. We still have a little time to help out. If you would like to donate a bottle and/or some chocolates, they can left in the porch in the **box marked Lourdes** during this coming week. Thank you.

LITTLE CHURCH - following the Summer holidays we will be restarting Little Church, which takes place during the first part of the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We currently have 4 leaders, but we need 12! Two people working together each week, on a six week cycle. So we really do need your help . Experience is not required - we will get you started. We will need to know soon so as to ensure leaders have their safeguarding certificates in place. If you are interested, please speak with Fr Shaun as soon as possible - even if you just want to know more.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE HALL… though we are a little delayed, we are very nearly there! The main works have been completed, second fix electrics are still ongoing and the new kitchen will begin to be fitted out soon. There will also be some snagging issues to sort out before the contractors hand the building back over to us. We are planning a little opening ceremony at the end of each of the Masses (we'll let you know the date very soon.) This will also be an opportunity for us all to take a good look around. There is another date which we would really like you to pencil into your diary, so we can all come together for a Parish Family Feast Day. On Saturday 19th July we will have a Bar-B-Q, Ice cream van and some other delicious treats as well. It would be great to get together. There will be more details over the next few weeks, so please watch this space!

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.

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 c hange 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.

DID YOU KNOW… it is now possible to make your donations and contributions stretch even further. Many parishioners know they can Gift Aid their weekly donations, through the Bank or Card Machine or by using the Blue envelope (from the back of the church) for cash. But did you know that if you have a Mass offered for your intentions, or if you sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Light - you can Gift Aid your offering. Also if you have a Holy Baptism here or are arranging to get Married at SJF your offerings/ donations can also be Gift Aided. You don't give any extra, but the Tax Office gives the church here 25p for ever pound that you donate.

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.

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 and drop it into the office here.

COLLECTIONS AT MASSES:
Last weekend loose collections: £232.66
Standing orders/online & card donations for the month of May were £952.83 per week. 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:
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 Mandy's friend,
for her ongoing medical treatment.

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

Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord