THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 12 April	**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER** (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For our families and friends Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Noel Brown RIP & the family intentions
Mon 13 April	Easter Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 14 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **FHC class - hall 5.00pm**	For peace in our troubled world
Wed 15 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	For Ian Swabey RIP
Thurs 16 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Confirmation Class 7.00pm**	For Elizabeth Greenwood RIP
Fri 17 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For Michelle Ayers (RIP) - in loving memory
Sat 18 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	For Francis Paul RIP and all recently departed of our parish
Sun ✠ 19 April	**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	*This Mass is available for your intentions* Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Sarah (Sadie) Riley RIP

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION follows after Mass on Fridays.
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession) Saturdays at 4.15pm - 4.45pm or by arrangement.
PRAYER REQUEST BOX: at the back of the church.
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.

MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER
Parish Office: Telephone: 01932 563116 Email: shepperton@rcdow.org.uk
Parish Priest: Fr. Shaun Richards shaunrichards@rcdow.org.uk
Administrator: Mandy Howick (Wed & Thurs 9-1) shepperton@rcdow.org.uk
Book keeper: Traci Blundell (Monday) sheppertonbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk
Address: St John Fisher Catholic Church, 15 Wood Road, Shepperton. TW17 0DH
website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton

Parish Safeguarding: Mandy Howick (until appointment is made) **sheppertonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk**
Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: 020 7798 9356

We are a registered charity No: 233699

To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A
Weekdays
Easter wk 2
Divine Office:
Easter wk 2

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



After the radiant joy of Easter Sunday and the lively celebrations, we now enter the beautiful stretch of the Church's longest season, Eastertide. These fifty days are a wonderful invitation to linger in the light of the Resurrection, letting its gladness take root in our hearts.

Through the Scriptures, we continue to meet the Risen Lord: in the tender moments when he appears to his disciples, and in the teachings from his ministry that now shine with new meaning in the light of his risen life.
We also journey with the first disciples in the Acts of the Apostles, discovering how the Resurrection transformed them. Those once timid and fearful followers find fresh courage, stepping out of Jerusalem to proclaim a message that life has triumphed over death, a message that still echoes across the world today.

On this Second Sunday of Easter, our readings continue this "real time" unfolding of events after the Resurrection. We hear of Jesus' encounter with Thomas — a moment that strengthens not only Thomas's faith, but ours as well, as we listen with hearts open to the same gift of peace and hope.

Continue the Easter celebrations. Happy Sunday -Happy Easter!

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US THIS EASTERTIDE! On this Second Sunday of Easter, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection. with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours, as we listen to the account. Happy Easter - Happy Sunday!



THIS SUNDAY is 'Divine Mercy Sunday' and is the culmination of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion mystically given to St. Faustina (Maria Faustina Kowalska), and is based upon an entry in her diary stating that anyone who participates in the Mass and receives the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of their sins.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Tiberius and Amber who, having been prepared here, received the Holy Sacraments from the Holy Father Pope Leo, at St. Peter's in Rome, last Saturday. This is wonderful for them and for us. We pray that they may continue to be blessed by the Risen Lord on their great adventure of faith, as new Catholic Christians. Deo Gratias - Thanks be to God.

OFFICE MOVES: After six years working in the church office as our brilliant Bookkeeper and prior to this, as Parish Secretary, Traci will be retiring at the end of April. Traci has been exemplary in her dedication and support of the Mission of SJF church and we will miss her greatly, We wish Traci and her husband Rich, a very happy and fruitful retirement together.
In order to continue Traci's good work, there is a link below with details of the role, for anyone you might think suitable, to apply directly to the Diocese. Parish Bookkeeper (Job Ref: 854-SHEPP) – Diocese of Westminster Careers

KNIT & NATTER in the Church Hall is going very well and will meet this coming Tuesday 14th April 1-3pm. We are so pleased that this group is popular and you are enjoying it. It's open to all, just come along!

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Every last Thursday of the month between 10am-12noon in the church hall. Everyone welcome for a hot drink and a chat. Just pop along—we would love to see you.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW: The Catholic Mass 101: learn every part of the Mass and what it means with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This is a great watch for anyone and everyone: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RS8NrJ0Y5O8

EASTER HOLY WATER This was blessed during the Easter Vigil and is available from the Holy Water dispenser which is close to the font. Please ensure that you close off the tap after use. If you are unsure - please ask, we are happy to help.

REQUEST BOX: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Rosary Prayers are offered on Wednesday mornings**.**

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS AND LITTLE CHURCH are back to normal this Sunday.

GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD: during the past months, many people have been struggling to make ends meet. Thank you if you are able to bring some non perishable food for our Food Bank Box. This is a good deed done. Your kind donations, which can be placed in the food collection box at the church entrance, are going directly to help others locally via the Jubilee Food Bank Please keep up the good work and help if and when you can. Many, many thanks.

SHEPPERTON FAIR - We have very generously been given a stall at the Shepperton Fair on the 13th June by the Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club. We are planning to run a tombola and are looking for donations for the stall. If you would like to donate a prize which could be a bottle, some sweets or chocolate or any other little prizes you have around the house, please can they be left in the porch in the box marked Lourdes. Thank you in advance for your enerosity.

QUIZ NIGHT: The Lourdes team will be hosting its annual Quiz Night this coming Friday, 17th April. Tickets are on sale this weekend.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN Pilgrimage to Lourdes 17th – 24th July 2026. Registration is now open at **https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/** or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173. If you would like to sponsor or fundraise for an Assisted Pilgrim, member of the medical team or volunteer then please also contact the Pilgrimage Office for further details.

AFTERNOON TEA: Bernard and Pirlanta cordially invite you to Afternoon Tea in the beautiful setting of their Garden on Saturday 23rd May from 14.00 until 18:00. 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 20th May

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May at 2:30pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass, all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office on shepperton@rcdow.org.uk giving the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Thank you .

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk 0797 338 0443

POPE LEO led a prayer vigil for peace this Saturday, April 11th, in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Bringing his *Urbi et Orbi* message to a close, on Easter Sunday, Pope Leo stressed that Easter peace is not merely "the silence of weapons" but also an inner peace which "touches and transforms the heart of each one of us". "Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ", Pope Leo urged, entrusting to the Lord "all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give."

THE EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES available from the back of the church contribute, in a small way, to the stipend (salary) of clergy at SJF throughout the year. They are not a personal gift, to Fr Shaun. They are however, much appreciated. Thank you

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you for helping us to offset the cost of our Easter Flowers. There is a button on the card machine to help with donations, if you would still like the opportunity to help. Thank you - you're "blooming" marvellous!

ALL MASSES here are live streamed, offering a valuable link for those who are incapacitated and 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 here in person.

COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES: Giving via the bank or through the card machine and online in March averaged £1111.33 per week (February: £908.33). The weekend loose money collection is really important and continues for those who do not use a bank standing order, use the card machine or make your offering on-line. Your kind donations support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good work here at SJF. As always - thank you. You are brilliant.

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)

AND FINALLY… have you noticed that the Papal Flag is flying in front of the church in celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord - Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is offered for the repose of the soul of
Noel Brown RIP and the family intentions
Eternal rest grant to him O Lord

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL
Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward,
Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly,
Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith,
Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones,
Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose, Fr Anton Cowan, Catherine Monica Clarkin, Jeffrey Cowen.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord