THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 19 April	**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Caroline Garrett - for a full recovery Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Sarah (Sadie) Riley RIP
Mon 20 April	Easter Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 21 April	Easter Feria	**No Mass today** **Knit & Natter - hall 1-3pm** **FHC class - hall 5pm**	
Wed 22 April	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass** **Finance Committee 11am**	For Patrick Chimes RIP (birthday remembrance)
Thurs 23 April	ST GEORGE, Martyr & Patron of England	Mass at 9.30am **Confirmation Class- hall -7pm**	*This Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Fri 24 April	St Erkenwald & St Mellitus (Diocesan)	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass** **Love in Action - hall - 7pm**	For Jean Ross RIP
Sat 25 April	St Mark, Evangelist	Mass at 10.00am	*This Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 26 April	**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish *This Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office* For George Trussler 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.

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SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



This weekend of Eastertide finds us on a walk, quite literally. Two disciples are heading to Emmaus, convinced everything is over, but then Jesus turns up unannounced and joins the conversation. (Proof, if ever needed, that the Lord has impeccable timing and a talent for appearing when spirits are low).

They listen, they learn, they complain a little and only later realise they've been walking with the Risen Lord all along. What was the giveaway? Their hearts were burning, and they recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus both explains the scripture and then hosts a memorable supper.



Jesus Christ is risen, present, and often far closer in our lives than we think - especially when life feels confusing or we're trudging rather than skipping along.

Every Mass becomes our Emmaus moment: The holy scriptures open our minds, the Eucharist opens our eyes, and we leave fed and renewed.

This week, if your heart warms unexpectedly, or you find yourself hopeful for no obvious reason, don't be surprised. The Risen Lord is likely walking alongside you. Have a great week ahead. Happy Eastertide!

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN ✠

WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US THIS EASTERTIDE! On this Third Sunday of Easter, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened on the road to Emmaus after the Resurrection. And just a reminder, the Masses are livestreamed on line via YouTube for those who are at home and unable to get to Mass in person. If you are new here this weekend or have returned after some time away, you are very welcome - it is good to have you with us!

THIS SUNDAY AT 4.30PM the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will be holding a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. They are asking us to join with them in prayer at this time to pray to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law. Can you spare some time to pray with them, to celebrate life?

THE FINAL REFLECTION SESSION FOR LOVE IN ACTION 2026 will be this Friday 24th April, in the church hall, from 7.00pm until (at the latest) 8:30pm. Over Lent and into Easter we have been exploring some of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how we might, as a community proclaim the Good News in fresh and practical ways. This is a beautiful opportunity for all of us to deepen our faith. Sr. Silvana will be joining us again. Do come along and enjoy the refreshments and conversation. You will be very warmly welcomed.

OFFICE MOVES update : 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. We are currently shortlisting applications received for the role of Bookkeeper. This is in preparation for the upcoming interviews. Please keep all those who have applied in your prayers at this time.

SO THAT YOU KNOW… there will be no Tuesday morning Mass at 9.30am am this coming Tuesday . All other Masses are as normal.

KNIT & NATTER in the Church Hall is going very well and will meet this coming Tuesday 21st 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!

DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR MAY:
Saturday 9th May at 11.00am
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
Wednesday 13th May at 7.00pm
HOLY CONFIRMATION MASS — Principal Celebrant: Bishop James Curry
Thursday 14th May:
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Masses at 9.30am & 7.00pm
Sunday 24th May
PENTECOST SUNDAY
usual weekend Mass times
Sunday 31st May
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
usual weekend Mass times

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Thursday 30th April and every last Thursday of the month between 10.00am-12noon in the church hall. Everyone welcome for a hot drink and a chat. Just pop along, we would love to see you.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – NEXT WEEKEND ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training — all of which are essential for their future ministry. As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers. Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity.

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**.**

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 generosity.

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.

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

YOUR KIND DONATIONS support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF we are thankful. The loose collection on the weekend of Easter Sunday was £884.10 The Easter offerings which were Gift Aided was £245.00. This did not include bank/ online or card donations. The loose collection for last weekend (excluding online/card donations) was £279.81 with an additional £90 for Easter offerings. As always - thank you. You are brilliant

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMBER & TIBERIUS
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH





THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is offered for the intentions of
Mr & Mrs Lenehan

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