THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 10 May	**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Elizabeth & George Killingbeck RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Barbara Zahner - for improved health
Mon 11 May	Easter Feria	No Mass today	
Tue 12 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Knit & Natter - hall 1-3pm** **Confirmation rehearsal in church at 7.00pm**	For the Sreenan family intentions
Wed 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass** CONFIRMATION MASS in CHURCH AT 7.00PM	For Hilda in thanksgiving for prayers answered For our young people being Confirmed in the faith
Thurs ✠ 14 May	**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**	**Mass at 9.30am** **Mass at 7.00pm**	For Bridget Hegarty - intentions Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish
Fri 15 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sat 16 May	Easter Feria	Mass at 10.00am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions — just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 17 May	**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Christine Brindle RIP - recently departed Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Patrick O' Leary 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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ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Although Easter Sunday now lies a few weeks behind us, we are still very much living in the joy and light of the Easter Season (Eastertide). The great proclamation continues to echo through our worship and our lives: Jesus Christ is risen! And because we are baptised into him, that risen life is now our own. Easter is not a single day, but a living reality that continues to unfold week by week.

In today's readings, a new and exciting dimension of the Easter story comes into focus. The work of Easter is only complete when the Risen Lord returns to the Father and sends the gift he promised, the Holy Spirit. As the Gospel makes clear, we now begin a time of looking forward with hope and expectation to the coming of that *Spirit of truth*, who sets Christ's followers apart and shapes us as God's holy people.

This is no quiet or passive Spirit. This is the Spirit of power and life, flowing through the Church and enlivening its mission. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to proclaim Jesus not just with words, but by allowing him to dwell in our hearts and be seen in our lives. Encouraged by that Spirit, we are sent out to live faithfully and joyfully in the midst of a questioning and doubting world - bearing confident witness to the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

Happy Sunday - Happy Eastertide! Fr Shaun

✠ ALLELUIA - HE IS RISEN - ALLELUIA ✠

WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US THIS EASTERTIDE! If you are new, visiting this weekend or have returned after some time away, you are very welcome - it is good to have you with us. And just so that you know, the Masses are livestreamed on line via YouTube for those who are sick and unable to get to Mass.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is this coming Thursday, 14th May and is a Holy Day for Catholics. The Ascension of Jesus into heaven is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: he has to return to the Father. Ascension is a feast of hope: it is our hope that the Lord will return to us, as he went. Our hope is that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope is that we will take our place in heaven, where Jesus the Lord sits, at the Father's right hand. Please do your very best to attend Mass on this Holy Day. Our Mass times are 9.30am & 7.00pm. If these are not convenient, try a Catholic church near to your work or college or a church in our Deanery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FHC CHILDREN who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Thank you to all our many helpers, who supported our children. Special thanks to Stephanie and Mary our brilliant catechists, who have been teaching our children over the past 14 weeks. Thank you to our parents, the first educators of their children in the faith, for bringing them to this important Sacrament. Parents, the date for the Thanksgiving Mass is Sunday 7th June at 10.30am (Corpus Christi). The children will also receive their certificates at this Mass.

HOLY BAPTISM is a joyous Sacrament beginning the great adventure of faith for our youngsters. 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 including the requirements for Catholic godparents, are available from the church porch table.

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!

KNIT & NATTER is going very well and continues to meet on Tuesdays in the church hall from 1.00 -3.00pm. It's open to all - just come along!

A MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS is a beautiful and deeply meaningful spiritual gift. At the heart of the Mass, we bring our prayers to the Lord, whether for a loved one living or deceased, in thanksgiving, or for a special need, and we unite them with Jesus' perfect offering to the Father. Requesting a Mass intention is a powerful way to place what matters most to us into God's loving care. It is also a wonderfully practical way of supporting the mission and ministry of the Church, enabling Priests to continue their pastoral work and the Gospel to be proclaimed. The Mass offering recommended by the Diocese is £10, or whatever you can afford. Every intention is welcomed with prayer and gratitude, just contact Mandy in the office for available dates. Thank you

ST MICHAEL & ST MARTIN CHURCH, HOUNSLOW: invites you to a Mass for children and adults with additional needs, to be celebrated by Fr Damian-Mary Moneke on Saturday, 16th May at 2:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments. All are most welcome, particularly parishioners and visitors with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

MARY'S MEALS would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. Please clear out your drawers and have a look at the back of those cupboards and sofas. Then put it all into an envelope or bag and then bring it back to church **NEXT WEEKEND**. Mary's Meals feeds young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. *They will also take UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender. Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION can be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand and you may kneel or stand to receive. If you are receiving in the hand, please make your hands a safe place to receive the Body of Christ. One hand firmly under the other, to make a throne and hands raised up, near to the priest, will avoid the risk of dropping the Host. When receiving Holy Communion, we are not receiving a symbol of Jesus but the Body of Christ in Sacramental form. This is why receiving Holy Communion is both a beautiful and holy moment with the Lord himself. If you are not a Catholic, or you are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come forward for a blessing instead - just place your hands across your chest.

DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR MAY:
Wednesday 13th May at 7.00pm
HOLY MASS OF CONFIRMATION .
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 Masses

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.

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

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**.**

I've given God a million reasons not to love me. None of them changed His mind.

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH is asking the whole diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Pray for men to be open to God's call to the priesthood and pray for those currently discerning the priesthood.

God our Father, you give us the Sacraments as signs and instruments of your love and mercy. Draw from amongst your disciples men who are willing to serve your Church generously as priests in the Diocese of Westminster, to minister to your people and to proclaim the Gospel to all. Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them, to be their companion on the journey, as they discern your will for their lives. This prayer we make, through Christ our Lord. Amen
Our Blessed Lady Immaculate - Pray for us
St John Southworth - Pray for us

YOUR KIND OFFERINGS support absolutely everything we do, so whatever way you support the good works here at SJF with your donations, we are very grateful. The loose collection last weekend was £342.64. The loose collection for the previous week (excluding online/card donations) was £284.90. As always you are brilliant!

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the repose of the soul of
Barbara Hobbs RIP at this time of her birthday

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
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