THE WEEK AHEAD AT SJF

Sun ✠ 24 May	**PENTECOST SUNDAY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Jeanne Diekmann RIP For Fred Gwyther RIP (Birthday)
Mon 25 May	Mary, Mother of the Church **(Bank Holiday)**	No Mass today	
Tue 26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest	No Mass today **Knit & Natter - hall 1-3pm**	
Wed 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Mass at 9.30am **Holy Rosary follows Mass**	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Thurs 28 May	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ,THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Mass at 9.30am **Coffee Connections - hall 10 -12noon**	For Paolo Petruzziello RIP - 6th anniversary
Fri 29 May	Feria	Mass at 9.30am **Adoration follows Mass**	For Stephen Cheyne RIP and for his wife Celia who mourns his loss
Sat 30 May	The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	*This beautiful Holy Mass is available for your intentions - just contact the office*
Sun ✠ 31 May	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**	**5.00pm Sat Vigil** **8.30am Mass** **10.30am Mass**	For Maria Ligia Teixeira - improving health Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Padraig Harrington RIP

PLEASE switch off your phone and switch on to the RISEN LORD and see the possibilities He has in mind for you!

HOLY ROSARY PRAYERS: Wednesday morning following the 9.30am Mass.
ADORATION AND BENEDICTION follows 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.
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)

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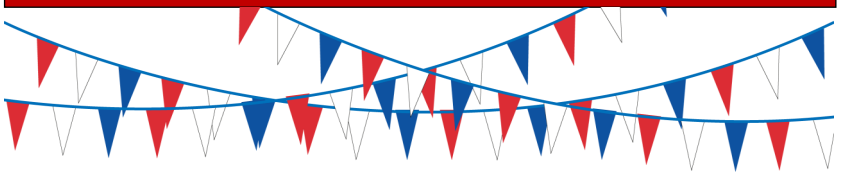
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We are a registered charity No: 233699 To make a donation or to make an offering for a Mass intention go to: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton/donate/

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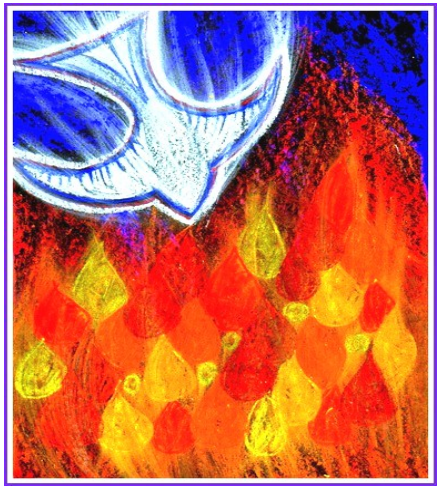
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Ordinary Time
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Divine Office:
Psalter Wk 4

ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026
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. For 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.

Happy Sunday, happy Pentecost! *Fr Shaun*

COME HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL

WELCOME - IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US The Masses are livestreamed here, on line via YouTube for those who are sick and unable to get to Mass.

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 placed near to the coffin, to signify that Christian death is a true Passover and our hope is secure 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 us all together, 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.

FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS THIS PENTECOST: 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 a washing line, or the wind 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: like 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 children. Happy Pentecost!

MARY'S MEALS Thank you for supporting this wonderful charity with your foreign coins and notes, and money which is no longer legal tender. We have had a very good response so far. It is staggering to think that a child in education, in some of the poorest countries can be fed one meal at school for just 10p through Mary's Meals. If you have no coins but would like to make a donation - you can do so via the card machine by pressing *Mary's Meals*. May Blessed Mary, mother to all children, pray for the work of this charity in her name.

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! Pray to Our Lady, who is the Seat of all Wisdom - who unties knots!

KNIT & NATTER meets on Tuesdays in the church hall from 1.00 -3.00pm. It's open to all - just come along!

COFFEE CONNECTIONS: Next Thursday 28th May in the church hall: Free, freshly brewed coffee, cake and toast generously prepared for your enjoyment. Come anytime between 10.00 and 12.00noon. You'll be very welcome.

LITTLE CHURCH IS AT THE 10.30AM MASS. There are also Children's Mass sheets, Mass cards and Missals, especially for our children. Parents, please assist your little ones in learning the words of the Holy Mass. This will help them to grow in confidence and in faith and is great preparation for receiving the Sacraments of the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2026… if you would like to become an altar server at the Mass you attend, please speak to Fr Shaun.

OUT AND ABOUT ON SUNDAY? Did you know that you can still keep your Sunday obligation by joining us for the Vigil Mass (which anticipates Sunday) on Saturday evening at 5.00pm. It would be great to have you with us— you are part of our parish family and you are missed when you are not here.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Sunday 31st May — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY usual weekend Masses
Sunday 7th June: Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Corpus Christi: Usual weekend Mass times
FHC Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30am
Friday 12th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass at 9.30am
Saturday 13th June: Immaculate Heart of Mary: Mass at 10.00am
Wednesday 24th June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist: Mass at 9.30am
Sunday 28th June: St Peter & St Paul, Apostles: usual weekend Mass times.

SO THAT YOU KNOW… there will be no morning Mass at 9.30am this coming Tuesday 26th May. All other Masses are as usual.

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**.**

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.

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

HOLY COMMUNION may be received by Catholics at Mass, either on the tongue or in the hand. 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 invited to come forward for a blessing instead - just place your hands across your chest.

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, please can they be left in the porch in the box marked Lourdes. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 week was £697.41 - this includes the additional loose collection from the Mass of Confirmation. The loose collection for the previous week alone (excluding online/card donations) was £321.65 As always you are marvellous - thank you!

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS TO 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

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY THIS WEEK
is for the continual renewal of the Church at Pentecost and particularly here at St John Fisher. We give thanks for all who have joined us over the past year and especially those who have converted to the Catholic Faith.
DEO GRATIAS - THANKS BE TO GOD

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